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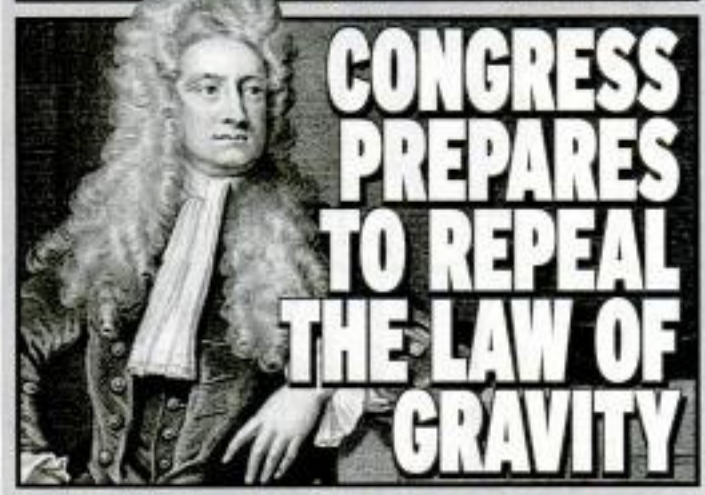

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TRANS

All-natural cure gets to the root of the problem!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Homeopathic therapist Derrick Chaft received quite a shock when he woke one morning in August.

"My cheek felt different against the pillow," he said. "I went to the mirror and saw that I had soft green follicles growing from my face. When I took a closer look I realized it was grass!"

Chaft shaved the growth and took a few scrapings to his office for analysis.

"It turned out to be wheat grass," said Chaft. "I eat those and other seeds regularly, and somehow they affected my hair follicles. I realized that if I could discover how this process works, I could provide a valuable service to the hair-deprived."

I could provide a valuable service to the hair-deprived

Using himself as a guinea pig — an apt comparison, given his increased diet of pellets and seeds — Chaft began to notice other changes.

"Moss started growing from the hairless center of my scalp, as I'd hoped," said Chaft. "Apparently, the supplements spurred my own growth hormones and caused the plants to take root in abandoned follicles."

Chaft's face and head were not the only parts of his body to experience changes.

"I've been taking flower extract to help balance my mood," said Chaft. "As a result, my armpits have sprouted flower buds. It's a little bizarre, but they smell like lilac. No more deodorant for me."

Chaft has been able to isolate the combination of remedies which causes these growths and is in the process of creating a product line to sell in health food stores across America.

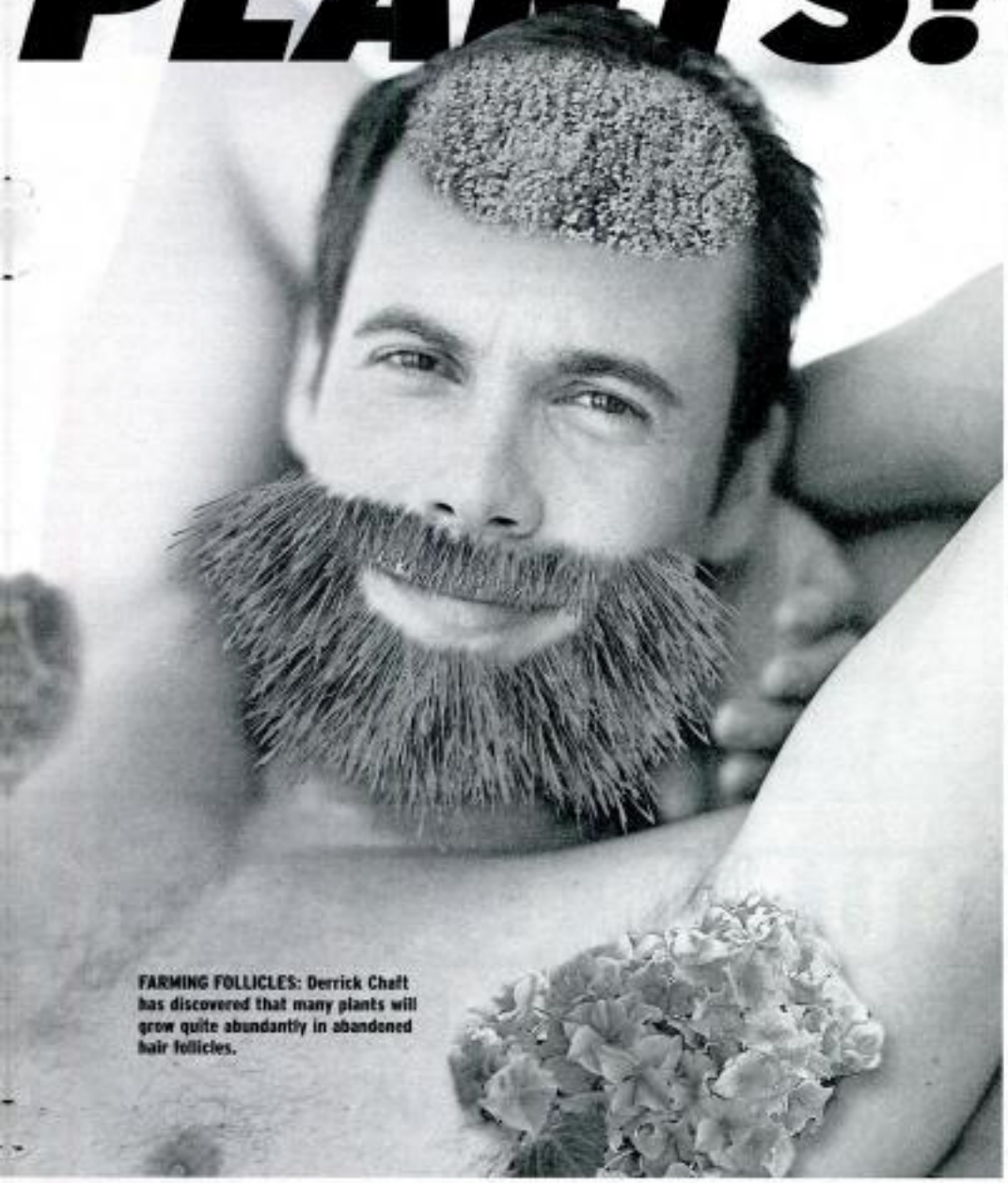
Though most customers seem eager to give it a try, a few are wary.

"I wouldn't mind covering my bald spot with natural growth," said one man.

"I just don't know for sure if I'm ready for a head of lettuce."

New health concern:

PLANTS!



FARMING FOLLICLES: Derrick Chaft has discovered that many plants will grow quite abundantly in abandoned hair follicles.

SECONDHAND CHOLESTEROL

By JEROME HOWARD

PANDA, Del. – A shocking new medical study shows that you can "catch" cholesterol from other people.

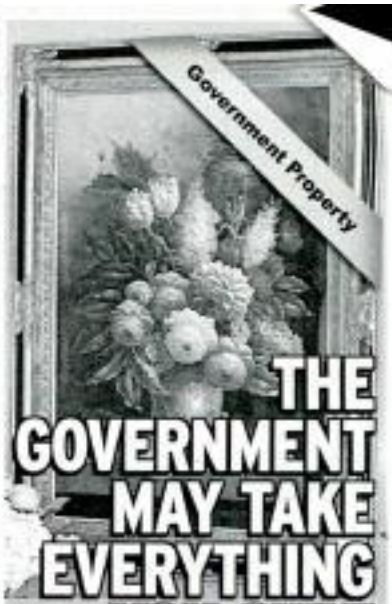
Dr. Terry Lambert, 68, director of the Foundation for Cholesterol Studies, has run a far-reaching series of tests that show people who eat poorly and

levels of people around them.

"Once a body's cholesterol reaches a high level it is excreted through sweat," Lambert told *Weekly World News*. "This highly distilled substance – called Very Bad Cholesterol – can contaminate another person through touch."

and we're on the case. Just as we were able to ban smoking in restaurants because of secondhand smoke, we'll soon be able to ban fried foods, shrimp and eggs. And cheese. Especially the cheese."

The group plans to hand out ribbons to raise awareness of



THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE EVERYTHING YOU OWN!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – If the state or federal government wants to seize your home for a public project, it has the right to do so. This is known as the right of eminent domain. But a bill currently in Congress will extend that right to taking any and all of your possessions!

"This measure may be necessary to offset the collapse of the U.S. economy," explains Senator Arnold Pettigrew (R, Rhode Island). "We would sell them on-line, get a good price and never have to raise taxes."

Anticipating passage, the government plans to start acquiring "extravagant" personal possessions like artwork and old wine beginning in February of next year.

"We won't repossess cars or clothes unless we really, really have to," Pettigrew added.

"This is monstrous," complained Dana Aroyan, president of the Citizens' Rights Council of America. "I plan to fight this bill. If it passes, our country will take one step closer to the political madness of Nazi Germany."

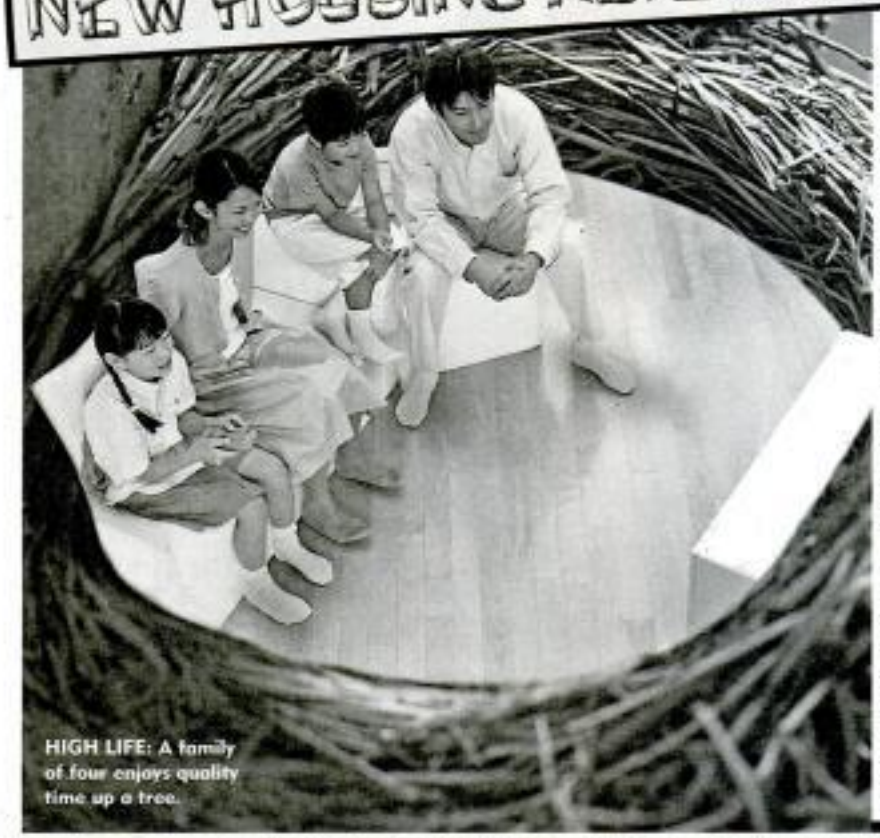
"We'll take one step closer to solvency," Pettigrew fired back. "Democracy isn't free, you know."

The Senator added that he is considering a rider to the bill, one that will give something back to the "bleeding hearts" who compare him to Hitler.

"The Democrats keep demanding stem cell research and we're willing to give it to them," Pettigrew said. "The Patriot Act gives us the right to check voter rolls, and we'll do so aggressively. Why use an innocent

NEW HOUSING ALTERNATIVE!

NESTS



HIGH LIFE: A family of four enjoys quality time up a tree.

By MARK TOMPKINS

ARBORVILLE, Calif. — Two years ago, professor Max Hatcher, an expert on exotic birds, headed for the tiny island of Udu-Luma near Borneo, hoping to take pictures of the elusive zebra-beaked screecher.

"My colleague and I had gone deep into the rain forest when a pack of wild pigs charged after us," he said. "We became hopelessly lost."

The two eventually stumbled upon a village where, high in the boughs of enormous trees, families of natives lived in giant nests made of leaves, grass, sticks and moss.

"Later, an anthropologist speculated that these people thought they would be safer in the treetops if a tsunami hit," Hatcher said. "Fortunately, they were very friendly and guided us back to our inn."

Returning to the United States, Hatcher — aware of high housing prices and looking to make some money — hired a local craftsman and, using wood, wool, leather and canvas, he began to build people-nests.

"Sales were slow at first," Hatcher said of the $500 homes. "Even here in Arborville — which is a very free-spirited, bohemian community — the public just wasn't all that interested."

Bit by bit, though, "nesting" began to catch on among college students, artists, transients and nature enthusiasts.

"As NestInc's profits went up, we began to diversify, offering nests in various sizes, shapes and col-

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

TALK ABOUT A CASE OF CABIN FEVER!

DEAR EDITOR, At first I couldn't understand why the people that were found still alive in the *Titanic* shipwreck (Oct. 3, 2005) wouldn't want to be rescued and brought up to the surface, but now I think I do. They have no wars, no fights, no diseases, no nothing down there. Just peace and quiet and the calm sounds of the ocean. It must be so serene.

Besides the fact that they're stuck in a little cabin so-made-a-face-and-hit-me children."

Come to think of it, I think I'm changing my mind again. What's a little war or disease? Get me away from that *Titanic* mess. I would have been the first one on the sub back to land.

– Van Jergens, Intervale, N.H.

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Dear Editor, Well isn't that cute? Some guy took in his sister's love child and now he really cute, but don't you think you all missed the real story here? How in the world did that woman end up having a monkey for a baby?

– Sarah Hesby,

FOR HUMANS!

ors," Hatcher said. "The nests were already equipped with a collapsible roof, which could be installed quickly if it started raining.

"Now, the more advanced models were coming with solar-energy converters so people could use TVs, computers and microwaves. Pretty soon, living in a nest was considered 'cool.'"

Then, as NestInc's sales climbed to unexpected heights, disaster struck.

"A resident fell from his nest and broke some bones," Hatcher said. "He sued us and won.

"Immediately thereafter, dozens of other people came forward claiming they'd been injured falling from nests. One occupant claimed he was attacked by owls."

Decrying the lack of personal responsibility among buyers, Hatcher was forced to shut down.

"Ultimately, NestInc laid an egg," he admitted. "I feel confident, though, that my next venture will have more luck: Hive-condos. Instead of suing me, occupants will be able to sue each other."

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR

Luscious lass

Stunningly beautiful Laurie Hartsfield is all smiles – and so are we! We're absolutely delighted that she's blessed the pages of *Weekly World News* with her presence! This Sacramento, Calif., babe says she likes astronomy, traveling, shopping, spending time with her family, dancing and checking out the latest movies. Sounds like a ton of fun to us!

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor, Go figure, it's the people of Pisa that are leaning and not the tower (Sept. 26, 2005). All these years, they're trying to play it off like it's bad construction on the tower, but come to find out the whole city's crooked! Sneaky, sneaky people over there.

This news is just going to kill their tourism. People flock to see a leaning tower, but who wants to see a whole bunch of people that just haven't had their V8 yet today?

Not me. I'm canceling the trip I have planned in December and going somewhere else.

– Cliff Bramal, Ocilla, Ga.

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor, Call me a sucker, but I'd buy a watch from that "watch dog" that sells fake Rolexes in New York City (Sept. 5, 2005). Everyone knows puppies and babies sell, just look at all the commercials on TV. You have a puppy or a baby, and you're sure to have a big seller – no matter what you're selling.

So this guy is a pure genius. By putting all those watches on his dog's legs, people are sure to snatch them up. And he could probably even charge more than the rest!

– Kimiko Paskel, Billings, Mont.

BRACE YOURSELF!

Doctor trades orthodontic care for a return trip to Earth!

By LANCE ALOTT

PIERRE, S.D. — Orthodontist Gerald Fixit was sleeping soundly when he was abruptly awakened by a rumbling.

"My house started to shake," said Fixit. "There were intense, bright lights shining into my window, blinding me. Suddenly one of those lights surrounded me and I was lifted into the air. That's when I passed out."

Fixit awoke and found himself strapped to a metal table, with strange creatures hunched over him, examining his body.

"They were some kind of aliens, poking and prodding me with instruments stranger than the ones I use," Fixit said. "I was terrified."

As Fixit stared at the aliens, he noticed that they had the most appalling teeth he'd ever seen.

"I couldn't help it," he said. "My professional training took over. Each tooth faced in a different direction. Despite the circumstances, all I could think about was fixing those teeth."

THESE "before"and "after" photos show how Dr. Fixit repaired a lifetime of neglect with Earth-style braces he constructed out of 50-gauge wire.

Before the aliens began probing in earnest, Fixit offered to work on their teeth in exchange for his freedom.

"They seemed confused," said Fixit. "They started to examine their teeth in a mirror. Apparently, they gave little thought to oral aesthetics. I showed them my teeth as an example of how much better they could look.

"They chattered among themselves. When they were finished, one of them agreed to allow me to work on his teeth.

"The aliens — who I discovered were called the Bri'itosh — were able to synthesize the materials and tools I needed," said Fixit. "I'll have to admit, I was intimidated. Bri'itosh teeth are three times larger than human teeth and made out of some type of metal. Adjusting their position would be difficult. But the principles were the same as on earth. It took 50-gauge wire to realign them, but I was successful."

Fixit put braces on the teeth of all the aliens. Rather than allowing him to leave, however, the Bri'itosh asked him to come with them and set up practice on their home world.

"I was tempted," said Fixit. "I would be quite success-

CONSERVATIVES SEEK TO REPLACE OL' SPARKY WITH STONING!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Although death row inmates have been executed via the electric chair since 1889, a coalition of conservative leaders is pressuring Congress to pass legislation which would replace the electric chair with an even older method of execution – stoning!

"It's simply a return to the Biblical values that have become increasingly more important to Americans since President Bush has been in office," explained Iowa Senator Albert Gooden, sponsor of the Gooden Stoning Initiative.

Still used as a method of execution in many countries, stoning involves wrapping

"It was the favored form of execution during Biblical times," said Gooden. "If it was good enough for Moses and Abraham, it's good enough for us."

However, getting stoning approved will not be easy, as the initiative has its opponents.

"It's barbaric!" stated Connecticut Senator Roberta Vasquez. "Though I have to admit it's amusing to hear 'conservatives' and 'stoned' in the same sentence."

Congress is expected to vote on the initiative before the end of the year, and Gooden mentions one additional benefit he hopes will put it over the top.

"The electrical power savings will be substantial. With that money we can supply

ful as the only orthodontist on their planet. But I couldn't leave my friends and family behind. Besides, they were going to pay me in coins made of jellyfish."

The aliens were angry with Fixit's refusal until he reminded them that as the only Bri'itosh with perfect teeth, they would be the most attractive males on their planet.

"Women look at two things. Hair and teeth," said Fixit. "The latter is taken care of. And since the aliens were bald, these guys had it made."

"WOMEN look at two things. Hair and teeth. Since the aliens were bald, these guys have it made." – Dr. Fixit

LITTLE Laura loves her Dumb-o!

REPUBLICANS TO REPLACE TEDDY BEARS!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Since 1874, when Thomas Nast's famous elephant cartoon appeared in *Harper's Magazine*, the elephant has come to symbolize America's Republican Party. Now, Republican leaders in Congress are lobbying hard to have their beloved elephant replace the teddy bear as the nation's favorite stuffed animal.

"Let's face it – the teddy bear has run its course," said Republican spokesperson Michael Jacobson. "It's old, it's tired, it's yesterday's news, much like the Democratic Party. America and American children want something new, fresh and vital. They want the elephant!"

If the proposed bill passes Congress and is signed into law by the president, children turning in their teddy bear, no matter how old or whatever the condition, will receive a brand-new, plush Dumb-o the Republican Elephant for free. When the child squeezes Dumb-o, a voice microchip will be activated and the pachyderm will deliver one of 25 different Republican Party platform statements such as: "Support voluntary student-initiated prayer in school," "Ethical research yes, stem cells no" and "Terrorists seek weapons of mass destruction to kill us."

A massive TV and radio promotional campaign is currently being created to accompany the Dumb-os' rollout.

"By this time next year, just about every American home will have at least one Dumb-o the Republican Elephant," predicted Jacobson.

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Ancients greet modern world with lawsuit . . .

LOST INVENTED AIRPLANE

High priest presents proof Wright brothers stole their technology

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' plane, left, had too many similarities to the 1,300-year-old craft built by the Oltecs, suit claims.

By MONTY ALBÁN

SÃO PAULO, Brazil — Last month, survey teams from Brazil's *Instituto Historia e Antropologia* announced the discovery of an ancient civilization in the Amazon rain forest.

Unlike the dead cities of other pre-Columbians, however, the Oltec capital of Distrito Copec thrives today as it has done since its founding in 300 A.D.

"This is a very significant find," said Dr. Ernesto Garcia, director of the Instituto, in a telegram. "The Oltecs have experienced no contact with the world beyond the dense canopy of the Amazon, except for a brief period of trade with the Nazca people of Peru in the year 600.

"Most startling is evidence that the Oltecs conducted trade with the Nazca using actual airplanes, developed more than 1,300 years before the Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk," the archaeologist went on. "Those ancient pilots used the Nazca Lines — previously unexplained landing strips etched in Peru's desert gravel hundreds of miles away. The 800 A.D., remained for centuries the only witness to the Oltecs' feats of aviation."

To the surprise and dismay of the *Instituto*, the Oltecs have greeted the contemporary world with that staple of modern civilization: The lawsuit. A week after Dr. Copán's arrival, High Priest Ax-Pac-Atl filed a complaint in American Federal Court claiming theft of Oltec technologies.

The Oltecs' case is not without merit. During his consular appointment to Brazil in the late 1860s, famed explorer Richard Francis Burton journeyed co. According to the Oltecs' New York-based attorney, Mr. Burton discovered stones with inscriptions illustrating the design of the ancient device — as well as the rules of a Mesoamerican game similar to the regulations developed and codified in 1876 for baseball.

Burton donated the stones to the Bingham Exploratory Society's traveling exhibition of Mesoamerican artifacts. The exhibit's attendance records show that Susan Catherine Wright brought her young sons Orville and Wilbur to the exhibition in

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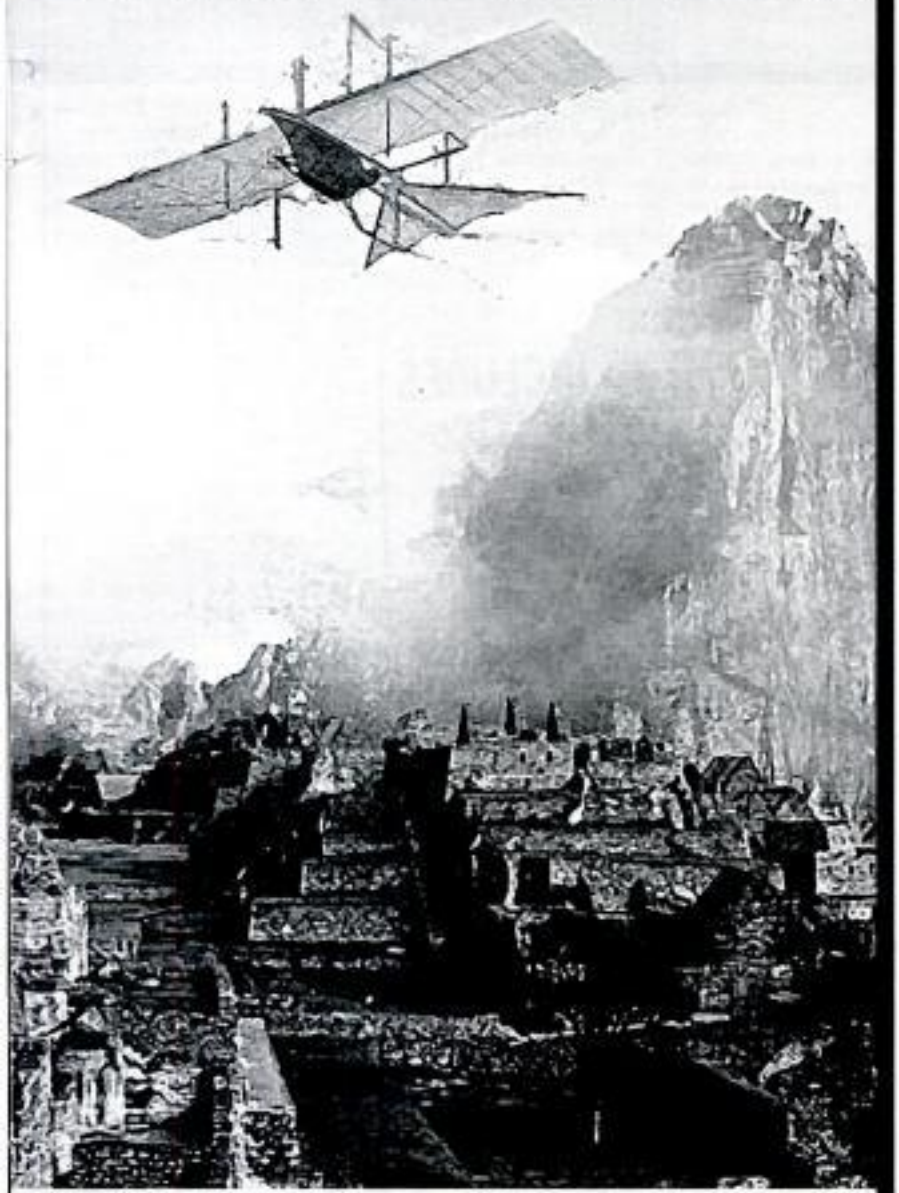


Bulkeley, saw the exhibit in Hartford, Conn.

"This is a sour grapes nuisance suit," said chief defense counsel Stephanie Hough. "The Oltecs' use of Quetzal feathers in their planes' engine fan blades, as well as the aircraft's fermented manioc root fuel, set the old flying machines apart from our metal-and-wheels, giant otter bone stabilizers, jade running lights, and stepped adobe wings, the ancient planes barely resemble modern airliners.

"As for baseball, the Oltec practice of decapitating the losing team as a sacrifice to the gods undermines the ancient culture's case against American baseball as well."

ilization v. United States.

"If we lose this one, the Oltecs will effectively turn U.S. factories into sweatshops serving South America," Hough said. "The only good thing about the suit is that the Oltecs aren't suing the nation for everything we're worth. They also claim to have invented

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH FAMOUS NAMES

By DORIAN WAGNER

DANNY ROLLINGS

Reverend Danny Rollings and his wife Chantel, who live just outside of Graysville, Tenn., have led Good Mercy Baptist Church for nearly 14 years. As a well-respected member of the community, Rev. Rollings, 50, does much more than just deliver the Sunday sermon. "The Lord as my witness, I serve the people," he said. "I help the sick, I feed the hungry, I lead the sinners down the path of righteousness." It's a path he knows well, his wife explained. "He's just the sweetest, most thoughtful thing."

JOE KAPP

Tire repairman Joe Kapp spends his days driving up and down highways ready to help motorists in need. As owner of Kapp's Blowouts garage in Waco, Texas, he claims to have changed 1,872 tires in his lifetime. "I keep track because statistics are something I've always thought are important," he said. "One day I hope to hold the record." And it's entirely possible that he will. According to our research, Kapp needs just 38 more quick-fixes to reach his goal.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Albert Einstein is everyone's favorite ice-cream truck driver. He plays the best music, has the coldest ice pops and even gives out free baseball cards. "It's what I do," the Tega Cay, S.C., man said. "You don't have to be a genius to know that's just good business. If the kids are happy, they'll come back." The 61-year-old knows he could be retired and relaxing by now, but he enjoys what he does too much to leave it. "The truck is pretty cold and

Politicians tired of getting caught with their pants down . . .

CONGRESS MAKES EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIRS LEGAL!

By JOSEPH FOWLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The political world is no stranger to sex scandals. That's why Congress is contemplating passing a law making it legal to have extramarital affairs.

"This decision wasn't arrived at easily," said Congressman Richard Dale (R, Mo.). But everyone in both houses agrees that this is for the good of the country. It'll allow us to focus on issues instead of sensationalism during the political season."

"This is the most disgusting thing I've ever heard, and I've heard plenty of humdingers in confession," said the Reverend Paul Simpton. "This goes against the teachings of the Bible. It spits on the institution of marriage!"

"I disagree," said Dale. "This is about family values How many marriages – and, hence, families – have been destroyed by adultery? Once affairs become legal, people will see it in a different light. Neither couples nor children will have to go through the pain of a divorce."

The bill is expected to pass.

HILLBIL

ROADKILL GUARANTEED FRESH

By BILL WILKES

MANHATTAN — A new restaurant has recently opened in New York's trendy Tribeca neighborhood. Called Hillbillé, it is the ideal spot for urbanites who want authentic country cooking — emphasis on the "authentic."

The dining area of the 5,000-square-foot Hillbillé looks like the inside of a large tool shed. There are 50 worn, wooden benches and tables, a dirt floor, and old car parts and tools on the walls. The slight odor of compost is ever-present, circulated through air vents below each table.

"We wanted to transport New Yorkers from the stressful city," said owner Phil Louis, "to let them experience a completely different lifestyle." He grinned. "Unlike other five-star restaurants or sushi dens, jackets and shoes are not permitted in our restaurant."

A failed country singer, the 32-year-old Louis said that since he couldn't bring his Tennessee heritage to the Big Apple through music, cuisine was the next best thing. Indeed, the menu at Hillbillé is as "down home" as one could imagine . . . or want.

"Our most popular appetizer is roast squirrel," said Louis.

MENU INCLUDES AUTHENTIC:

- Roast squirrel
- Barbecued possum
- Smoked raccoon
- Roadkill medley

"Barbecued possum has been our top-selling entrée."

To wash down the food, the beverage of choice at Hillbillé is moonshine.

"We use southern-grown corn meal, sugar, yeast, malt and pond water," said Louis. "We brew it in a large vat in the alley using the same time-tested, backwoods process used by my granpappy."

Despite the rustic atmosphere, a dinner-for-two at Hillbillé averages about $130 a person. We spoke to some of the diners to find out what they thought.

"It's a breath of fresh air," said stock broker Neil Presher, "except for the compost. This is a nice break for people who are too busy to escape the hustle and bustle of the city."

"I love the food," said attorney Jackie Mill. "The Pungent Smoked Raccoon is particularly good, as is the Roadkill Medley — right down to the tire tracks across the meat."

"I chipped a tooth on a lead ball in Grammy's Breast of Wild Turkey," said mayoral assistant Tucker Fleel. "I was impressed, though. The old girl is obviously still a good shot."

As we were talking to the patrons, an unusually large, rust-colored rat poked its nose from around the bar. Louis saw it and chuckled.

"Yep," he boasted. "It's an authentic Nashville Red. We even imported the rodents."

California requires license plates to reveal owners' bad behavior!

By MARK MILLER

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In most of the U.S., if you've done jail time, chances are only you and your closest circle of friends and relatives are aware of it. In California, however, if a recently proposed bill is enacted into law, everyone will know about your past.

"Residents will be required to post their crimes right on their license plates," said bill sponsor. "If you're driving alongside someone who's had three DUIs, wouldn't you want to know about it to steer clear of them?"

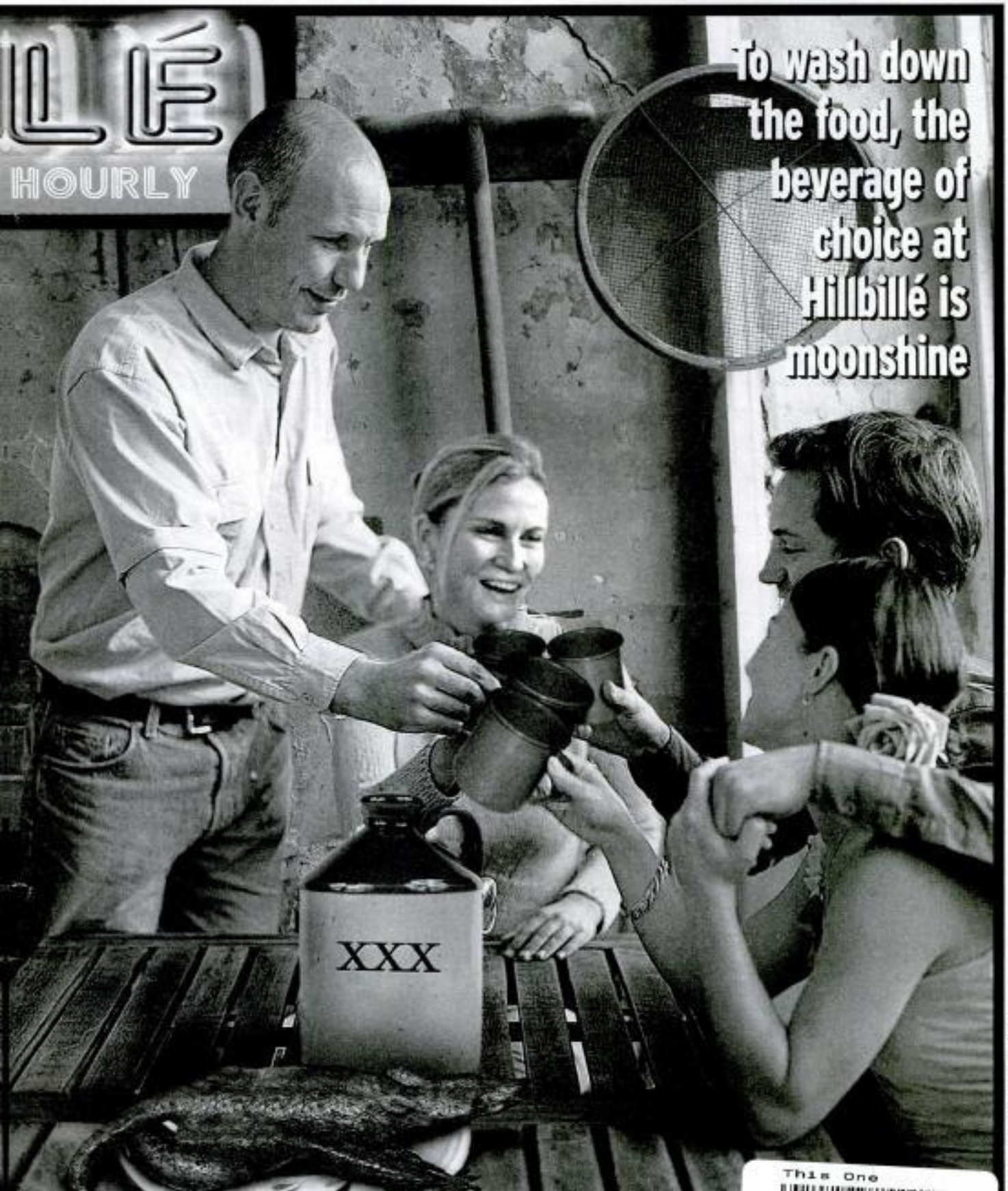
Each plate will be numbered so police can track them. Some of the proposed license plate designations include: TAX EVADR, WHTE CLR CRM, and IB JUNKIE.

The bill is by no means popular in all circles.

likely be required to use the license plate PURSE SNTCHR. "If a person has paid his debt to society and is trying to make a fresh start, why should he or she be required to wear this 'scarlet letter?' "

Nonetheless, there is

"I'm worried that it will become a badge of honor – or advertising," said minority opponent, Democratic state senator Lou Rich. "Who will contest a parking spot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SHORT-LIVED ROMANCE ENDS IN SHOCKING TRAGEDY . . .

PORCINE LOVERS DIED IN A FRENZY OF HOT, QUIVERING HAM!

By GREG I. GORE

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe Bates was overjoyed at the resurrection of his prize pig, Frankie, who was revived by a lightning strike after suffering a heart attack. The bolt was attracted by a weather vane jammed into the pig's hindquarters. Although Frankie seemed disoriented, Bates managed to guide him to the pickup truck. Then the two of them sped off toward the fair to enter the "fattest swine" contest.

Things did not go as well as Bates had hoped. When Frankie walked onto the stage, onlookers screamed in horror at the charred and scarred pig. Frankie let out a squealing roar, leaped from the stage — crushing two judges — and bounded toward the fence, knocking it over as he tore through. Bates could see men with guns running after him.

"I ran for the pickup," Bates said. "I cut Frankie off and coaxed him into the back with a comforting bucket of slop.

"As we hurried home, I apologized to him through the sliding window," Bates went on. "I told him I was only thinking of my prize and not what was best for him."

Suddenly, Frankie pressed his mangled face through the narrow opening.

"A side — of bacon," the hog growled.

Frankie was amazed. "I always knew pigs were smart, but not this smart," he said. "I figured the lightning must have stimulated his brain."

Bates realized that Frankie was not asking for a cannibalistic meal.

"He wanted a girlfriend," Bates said. "I figured I owed him that much."

Stopping at the local slaughterhouse and filling sacks with pig body parts, Bates brought them home and began sewing. When he was done, he lay the giant sow on a tarp beside the sty.

"There wasn't going to be another electrical storm any time soon, so I fed her tail into an outdoor socket," Bates said.

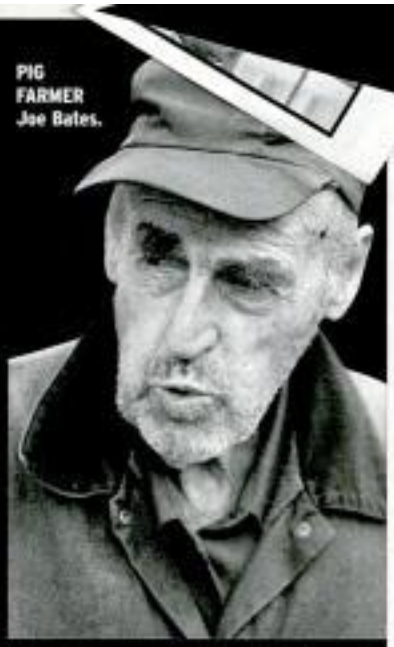
The patchwork porker shuddered violently. A moment later she opened her big eyes. Bates brought Frankie to his bride. At first the newly created pig was confused. Then Frankie sidled over to her and they began rubbing noses.

"It was like a moment from a fairy tale," said Bates, weeping at the memory.

But the joy was short-lived. Townspeople were coming up the road with torches. Assessing the danger, Frankie nudged Ladypig to follow him out of the barn. She rose, unaware that she was still plugged into the socket. Stepping in the wet mud, her body became electrified.

"She combusted right in front of my eyes," said Bates. "When Frankie saw this, he jumped on top of her. He didn't want to live without his mate. They perished together."

As the angry townspeople poured through the gate, Bates showed them the quivering slabs of ham that used to be Frankie and the bride of Frankie.



PIG FARMER Joe Bates.

"The drama was ended," Bates said. "Ironically, one look at Ladypig and they gave her the posthumous prize for 'fattest swine.'" Bates smiled. "Somehow, I don't think Frankie would have minded."

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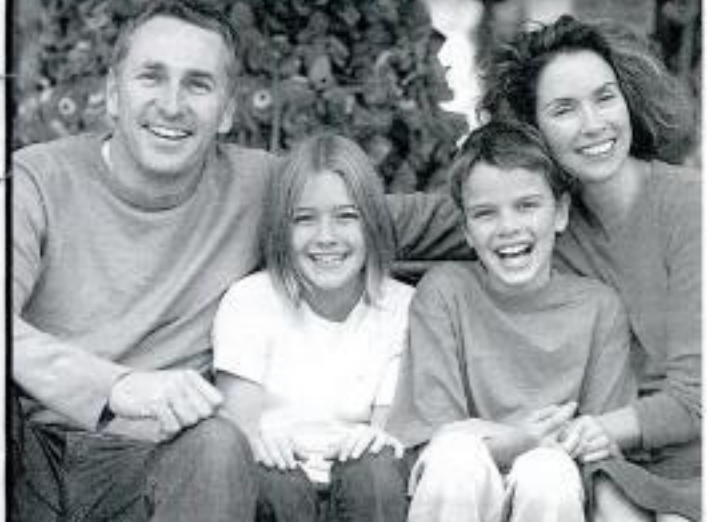

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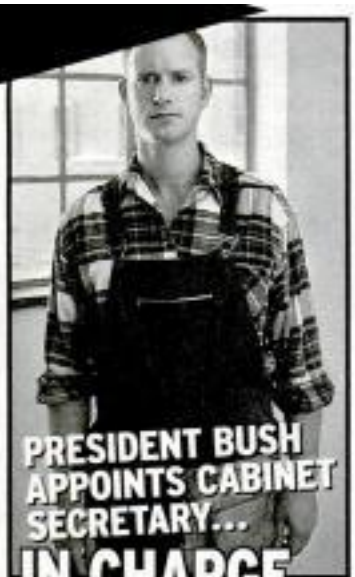


PRESIDENT BUSH APPOINTS CABINET SECRETARY...

IN CHARGE OF BUILDING CABINETS!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – It's always flattering when we at *Weekly World News* learn that the President of the United States has found one of our articles of value.

After President Bush read our story about accountant Ned Otis's attempt to build a stairway to heaven (*Weekly World News*, Oct. 3, 2005) the Commander-in-Chief was so impressed he offered Otis a Cabinet position, which Otis readily accepted.

As the newest Cabinet secretary, the Secretary of Cabinets, he will be in charge of designing and building any storage space the White House might require.

"I'm thrilled and honored by the appointment," said Otis, though others in Washington are somewhat less enthusiastic.

"This makes a mockery of the Cabinet," exclaimed Senator Joseph Kingsley (D, Rhode Island). "Why not have a different Cabinet position for every aspect of American life? What's next, Secretary of Plumbing? Secretary of Cafeterias? Secretary of Shampoo?"

Nonetheless, Otis has already begun moving into his new Washington office. He noticed one change he intends to make immediately.

"The place needs a good

ORDERED INTO SERVICE:

COURT JESTERS

By ROY BEANE

NEW YORK — Unable to act on its long-promised goal to limit frivolous lawsuits, the Bush Administration has taken a different tack. It's supporting a new law designed to make the courtroom experience less oppressive.

"It's called the Jester Law," said White House spokeswoman Anne Bowlin. "It requires that all federal trials have a court jester present while court is in session. We are pleased and proud of its passage."

A blue ribbon jester panel of retired judges immediately began screening the thousands of applicants.

"We've seen comedians, actors, clowns, mimes, and evangelists," said Judge James Wilson. "We've even had a call from an actual court jester from the empire of Lugubria.

"The individuals must possess a number of talents," Wilson went on. "They have to be witty and also show a knack for physical comedy. Most applicants have one or the other, not both. That is helping us narrow down the choices."

Upon receiving the panel's okay, the new jesters are given instructions and assigned to courtrooms.

"We were told that we cannot make jokes at the expense of the judge," said standup comic Phil Weiner. "We may not contradict or argue any of the details of the case. We are there to mock and

"It was like being at the circus," said juror Gina Nickel who was empaneled on one of the first cases. "When the defendant started crying on the stand, the jester pulled out his colored hanky and started to dab the man's eyes. Later, when the prosecutor started to shout, the jester got on all fours, growled like a dog, and chased her around the courtroom."

"I won't try to duck jury duty anymore," said jury foreman Dan Webster. "The trial was very entertaining."

Even defendants have found the experience to be diverting.

"I was terrified when the judge was handed the verdict," said embezzler Kevin Steinberg. "But when the jester grabbed it from the judge's hand, crumpled it up, and ate it I fell over laughing. I was still howling as I was taken into custody."

So far, the only people who don't like the Jester Lsaw are the lawyers and judges.

"None of my Harvard schooling prepared me for having my pants pulled down around my ankles during cross examination," said attorney Richard Cross. "On the other hand, it did get me a date with one of the jurists — so it isn't a total loss."

ARE YOU KIDDING?

The earliest antecedents of the European court jester

'They have to be witty and also show a knack for physical comedy'

Man bites hand that feeds him

By ELAINE HART

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Marisa Tibble was a very successful caterer and a single mom. Because she couldn't afford babysitters, she would usually bring her son Charles with her to weddings, parties, and various functions.

"Most of my meals ended up being leftover hors d'oeuvres," said Charles. "Not that I'm complaining. They were delicious."

But years of eating only finger food grew into an odd compulsion.

"I absolutely can't use a knife and fork," Tibble told *Weekly World News*. "Worse, every time I sit down to eat I end up biting my fingers. They just remind me of the chicken skewers and fish sticks and little hot dogs I always ate."

Tibble went to a therapist to try to control his eating disorder.

"The psychological component was fascinating," said Dr. Frank Hart. "Mr. Tibble resents losing his childhood to the catering business, even though it fed him. Now he is acting out by literally 'biting the hand that feeds him.' "

Dr. Hart recommended that Tibble visit his mother and talk out his long-suppressed frustration.

"I did, and we had a long heart-to-heart chat over dinner," Tibble said. "She explained that she had to support us, and I told her I understood. Unfortunately, once the floodgates opened I couldn't stop complaining. It felt amazing, but I definitely overdid it."

"The good news is, Mr. Tibble got through the meal without biting his hand," Dr. Hart said later.

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

WORLD'S FAIR – N.Y. 1964.

When I think about the 'Great Big Beautiful Tomorrows' guaranteed at every World's Fair, I wonder what happened, says Ed...

THIS IS NOT THE FUTURE WE WERE PROMISED!

I'M MADDER than Buck Rogers waking up in the future and seeing that things have gotten worse, not better.

As the world goes to blazes in a laundry cart, I've been thinking a lot about what we were promised growing up in the '40s and '50s. The future was supposed to hold a better life for Mr. and Mrs. America.

I'm not talking about rocket belts or ray guns. I'm talking about that Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow that was the guarantee of every World's Fair since 1939. (What happened to World's Fairs, anyway? Did we become too cynical to hope?)

We were told there'd be high speed-mass transit that ran on atomic power, weather control so that deserts would become fertile, flying electric cars, robot servants, computerized kitchens, no more war, colonies on the moon and even a cure for cancer.

CHEAP imports and outsourcing of jobs swell unemployment ranks. Auto industry is especially hard hit.

Instead, what've we got? Global warming, terrorism, more homeless and starving people than ever, no gas, crumbling roads and schools and airlines that are protected by removing our shoes, hospitals where people get the wrong things cut out by mistake, and new diseases to add to the ones we haven't cured yet. It's starting to look like the U. S. of A. is headed for a new Dark Ages.

And with all this coming down, what does our government do? Fights a war for oil (which we

If all this is too much for those goons running the show to handle, Ed's got some obvious, simple places for them to start fixing things. First, we need to improve our educational system so that

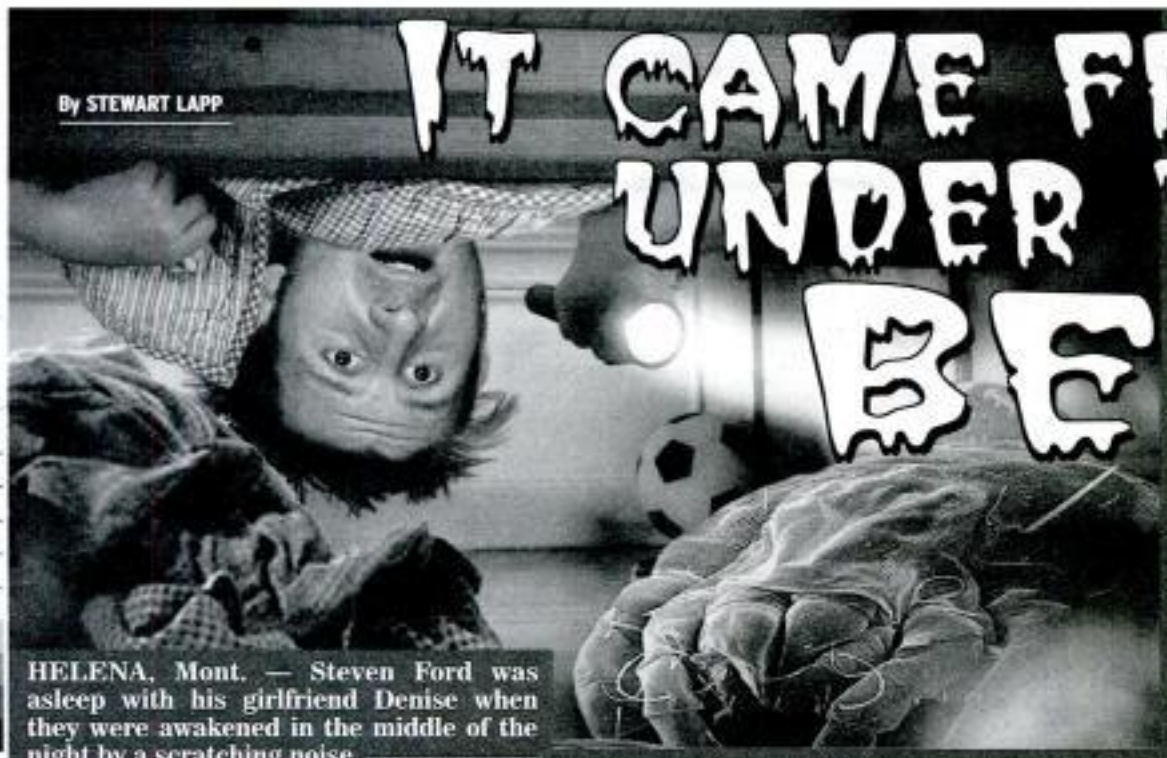
that everyone can get the kind of complete checkup Dubya recently got. None of that should be on a wish-list. It should be here, now!

But even those two goals may be beyond 'leaders' who have lost their imagination or are too busy paying off their corrupt buddies to bother with the people who elected them. Fortunately, Ed also has a solution. Let's get Congress to pass a law that says we can donate a big chunk of our taxes to the private sector, the great American entrepreneur. Those guys are used to being accountable to stockholders. They will tell us what's what . . . and they'll get the job done!

Let's roll up our sleeves today so we can still make a better tomorrow for our children — before it's too late!

By STEWART LAPP

IT CAME FROM UNDER THE BED!



HELENA, Mont. — Steven Ford was asleep with his girlfriend Denise when they were awakened in the middle of the night by a scratching noise under the bed.

"At first I thought it was a mouse," said Ford. The 27-year-old got up and started to clear suitcases, sports gear, and small boxes from under his bed. Suddenly, he leapt back in disgust.

"There was a creature behind an old shoe box," said Ford. "It was the size of a rat — but twice as ugly."

Unafraid, the creature scurried out and rubbed against Ford's foot. The young man and Denise both screamed.

"It looked like a cockroach, only big and fuzzy," said Denise. "It was completely, totally disgusting."

Ford punched air holes in the shoebox and coaxed the critter inside. The next day he took it to the Strange Animal Institute where Dr. Hans Beaker studied the creature.

"Actually, the creature is a bug, though not a cockroach," said Dr. Baker. "It is a dust mite, a Peevetophage — a relative of ticks and spiders that feeds on microscopic particles. However, this 'peeve' is 500 times larger than normal. The fuzz was simply accumulated dust.

"I went to examine its habitat under Mr. Ford's bed," Dr. Baker went on. "Clearly, the creature had been there for a while. There was so much filth that it didn't need to move."

"I had a pet 'peeve' and I didn't even know it," laughed Ford.

"I've told Steven a thousand times to clean under his bed," said Denise. "That's always been one of my pet peeves."

Dr. Beaker said that despite its size, the supermite was not dangerous. "Peeves are essentially scavengers. A weekly dusting will keep them tiny and unseen."

We asked Denise if this incident has hurt her relationship with Ford.

"I'm not nursing a grudge," said Denise, "though I wouldn't be surprised if Steve also has one of those under his bed."

Weekly World Humor

"I've decided to let my hair grow," the man said to his friend.

"I see," said the friend. "How could you have stopped it?"

JOKE OF THE WEEK:
A loser is someone who dies poor and, while he's being put in the ground, the gravediggers strike oil.

Only the army would put someone in a room with 40 men and call him a 'private.'

The fisherman returned from vacation and told friends he caught a 20-pound witnesses?" asked one disbeliever.

"Of course," said the fisherman. "Otherwise it would have weighed 30 pounds."

Ostrovsky entered a

joke about the two dumb jocks?" he asked the bartender.

A big man sitting next to Ostrovsky tapped him on the shoulder.

"Before you tell it," the big man said, "I want you to know that me and my buddies here are all professional football players."

"In that case," said Ostrovsky, "I'll tell the joke real slow."

Q: How can you tell when a mother is just husband with a bow and arrow so she won't wake the kids.

"Excuse me," the teenager asked the instructor. "How do you teach a girl to swim?"

"Well," the instructor winked, "you put one hand around her waist slowly,

"Is there a word that contains all the vowels?" the teacher asked her 7th grade class. Sally replied

run the other gently along her arm to her shoulder and – "

"It's my sister."

"Oh," said the instructor. "Just shove her in the deep end."

"Your kisses are really hot," Sandra told Jon.

"Sorry," he replied. "I'll put out my cigarette."

A man is someone who doesn't give women a second

LINCOLN'S TEXT 'MESS'

. . . Pot-to-Pot Protocol: A real stinker!

By JUAN SCOUR

WASHINGTON, D.C. — There's a dark secret of science, one that pertains to matters ranging from UFOs to clones: It's about notebooks and research that were destroyed when inventions were deemed too dangerous to unleash on the world.

Now, archives opened by U.S. historians show that the "text messager," supposedly pioneered in the early 1990s, was actually created more than a century ago — and suppressed by its inventor for fear of the harm it might do to American society.

INVENTOR
Edward Everett

"Text messaging was the brainchild of Edward Everett, a statesman and former Harvard University president," said Dr. Paul Aver, chair of the history department at Arlington-Potomac State College. "It was developed in association with Harvard's new mechanical engineering department. Everett hoped that money from sales of the device would benefit a charity for soldiers wounded in the Civil War."

Everett's device was based on Charles Babbage's 1837 design for the "Analytical Engine," a steam-powered computer 90 feet long and 30 feet wide. Everett's miniaturized version of the computer was the size of a tea kettle and could be placed on a stove for easy steam generation.

To promote the device, Everett wrote to President Lincoln, whom he had met at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg. Everett requested that a copy of the president's brief dedicatory remarks be transmitted from the White House to Everett's room in Washington's Hotel Charabia by text message.

tember 1, 1864. The president took a seat at a rudimentary typewriter keyboard in the Oval Office lavatory. It was explained to him that steam pulses would drive the pistons and cogs attached to the tiny printing press. The message would be carried through the plumbing system of the White House to Washington's Franklin Square cesspool, on to the Hotel Charabia water pipes and the commode in Everett's suite, to which the telecomm pioneer had connected his own kettle messager.

"Everett called the system 'Pot-to-Pot Protocol,'" Dr. Aver said. "He planned to market the device under the trade name 'AbeLink'" after its famous first user."

Unfortunately, the results horrified Everett:

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Everett searched for some fault in the device itself, but found none. The old Harvard President feared that steam clouds from the White House messager had injured Lincoln's brain — much as modern consumers worry about microwave brain damage from today's cell phones.

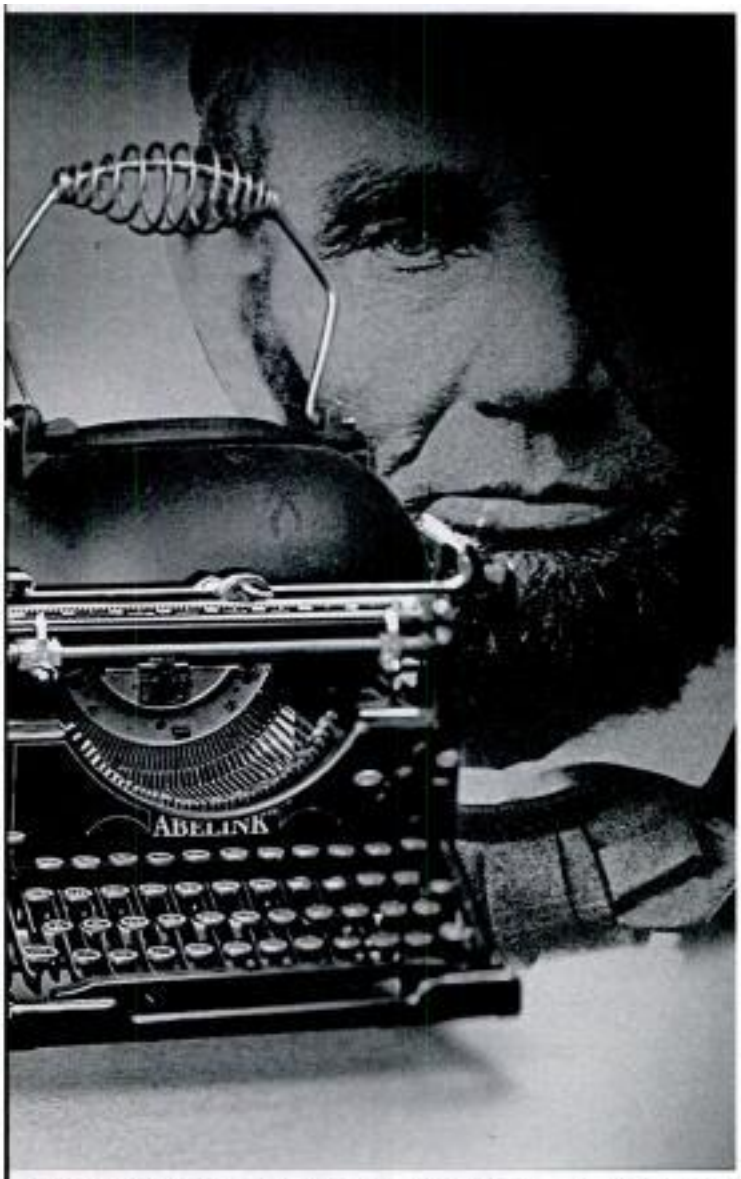
But historians believe the cause was much simpler than that.

"The machine had too small a capacity for even a short speech like the Gettysburg Address," said Dr. Aver. "Lincoln had to squeeze his words into the device, eliminating as many letters as he could. Plus,

'JILLKNIFE' IS

By PAUL CROCKET

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – "My wife was always impressed by how I overcame every obstacle with my Swiss Army Knife," said lathe operator Frank Tinker. "Whether it was home repair, opening a bottle of wine or even cleaning my teeth, I was ready for every challenge. And all I had to do was reach into my



the oven mitts he had to use in order to type into the superheated kettle messager didn't help."

Everett threw both devices into the Potomac, from which they have since been recovered by divers and displayed in the Crockrane Museum. Newly discovered pages from Everett's diaries convey his final thoughts on the AbeLink":

"Words aren't meant to be mangled just so they can travel by plumbing," he wrote. "The first — and last — text message shall remain in the cesspool where it belongs."

JACKKNIFE FOR WOMEN!

emergency and wanted a jackknife of her own.

"I realized that a jackknife would not necessarily address all of a woman's needs," said Tinker. "So I designed one just for women."

Tinker's new tool is called the jillknife.

"There are retractable accessories such as lipstick, eyeliner and a nail file," said Tinker.

"Sure, I can carry all those things around in my purse," said Judy Stein, a housewife and mother. "But I'm tired of keeping my whole life in this big pouch and feeling helpless when I don't have it. The jillknife clips to a belt or strap and is easy to carry around."

Inspired by the jillknife's success, Tinker is planning to

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By DORIAN WAGNER

ALBINO POLAR BEAR BORN

MOOSE CREEK, Alaska – An albino polar bear was born near the North Pole last week. Doctors said they were able to tell he was an albino because his nose was pink, not black. "Otherwise, they're all white anyway," one explained.

JAMAICAN BOY RUNS FASTER THAN CARS DRIVE

MAY PEN, Jamaica – Thanks to the tremendous amount of sugar he loaded into his Kool-aid, Reshay Wilson, 8, was able to outrun his mother's station wagon. "It's old, but the fact that he went faster than its top speed is still incredible!" his mom said. Reshay plans to train for the Olympics.

LEARN TO SPEAK ALIEN IN RUSSIA

CHERNOGOLOVKA, Russia – A Russian college is now offering the world's first alien language class. "It's important to learn to communicate with other worlds, not just other countries," said the professor.

SPACE DEBRIS KNOCKS MAN INTO FUTURE

BAMAKO, Mali – NASA has confirmed a piece of space debris unexpectedly fell from the sky, crashing into Ray Caputo's head so hard that it sent him flying forward – into the next minute! Scientists believe it fell so fast it cut a tiny wormhole.

WRITER SUES TELEMARKETER

UPLAND, Calif. – A fiction writer is suing a telemarketing firm for calling him after he'd just come up with "the best idea". The phone call disrupt- him to abandon the entire book he was writing. "I lost millions," he claims.

GHOST SENTENCED TO DEATH

GUELPH, Ontario – A ghost who revengefully murdered the man who stabbed him to death has been sentenced to die by face the task of finding out exactly what is lethal to a *ghost*.

SNOWMAN SURVIVES SPRING & SUMMER

MARS HILL, Maine – When the neighborhood kids built "Chilly," they assumed he'd be gone the next morning, but the thanks to a chain of uncanny cold spells, the relentless snowman kept shape all through the warmer months – and is still around today!

NUCLEAR LEAK RUINS CHERRY PIE

GILBERT, Ariz. – The homemade cherry pie Grandma Penny Shayfer set on her kitchen windowsill to cool was incredibly affected by a nuclear leak in a nearby town – the cherries grew to three times normal size and the pie suddenly exploded.

GIANT SEA MONSTER NEEDED RESCUING

MWINILUNGA, Zambia – Sea serpents usually stay far out at sea, but one confused creature somehow ended up wedging himself into a river connected to the Indian Ocean – and got stuck! "Head to tail he was just too long and big," said a riverside homeowner.

ELEPHANTS PUT ON LOW-CARB PEANUTS

BRIDGEVILLE, Del. – Elephants at the Sanitoga Zoo have been put on a strict low-carb peanut diet to lose weight. "I haven't heard any complaints from them yet," said the zookeeper. "It's like me going on a mint chocolate chip ice-cream diet!"

BRAZEN PICKPOCKET STEALS POCKETS

By NIGEL FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – Last evening, police arrested a pickpocket who has been terrorizing the Hollywood area for several months.

"He's no Artful Dodger, that's for sure," said Lt. Buzz Henson of the Hollywood Police Department. "We call him Mr. Pocket because he never lifted a wallet. This guy went up to people with a razor blade and stole their pockets."

The perpetrator is 37-year-old Chester Dobkins, an unemployed magician who lives with his 89-year-old mother in Monty's Trailer & Fun Park. Henson was booked into the Los Angeles County Jail for possession of stolen pockets and for attempting to rip off a police officer's pockets.

When Henson asked Dobkins why he stole pockets instead of cash, the criminal responded, "I'm making a patchwork quilt for my mother. The stores don't sell fabric

MODERN-DAY ROBIN HOOD CAUGHT!

– Hacker targeted Bush cronies!

By DICK SIEGEL

LOCKSLEY, Ariz. — A modern-day Robin Hood who stole from the rich and gave to the poor has finally been apprehended at The Alan Hale & Hearty Assisted Living Center.

The alleged computer hacker, Melvin J. Farquhar, 85, led federal agents on a merry chase for months as he hacked into the teeming coffers of President Bush and his administration cronies.

Treasury agent Guy F. Gisbourne told *Weekly World News*, "We first discovered something was amiss when the Bush twins maxed out their credit cards. With a fifty grand cap, that would have been more clothes shopping and drinking in one day than was humanly possible, even for them.

"Within days, Vice President Cheney found his membership at Pork Barrel Club in arrears and oil lobbyist Will Pei had to walk home after an ATM refused to dispense cash. Bank accounts formerly in the billions were now reading *empty*."

At the same time there was a spike in the savings of seniors all over Locksley. A $100 billion contribution to Katrina relief in the name of "M.J." corresponded to the exact amount hacked from Halliburton!

"Farquhar evidently targeted an on-line banking system and bounced his signal from satellite to satellite so we were unable to home in on him. Finally, a big cash reward offered by a mysterious 'G.H.W.B. of Kennebunkport' paid off when one of Farquhar's roomies ratted him out."

Melvin Farquhar, a decorated World War II veteran, evidently learned his computer skills from a video instruction course while in assisted living.

"I'm not saying I didn't do it," he told *Weekly World News*. But those boys are bigger crooks than I could ever be. Besides, there ain't a lot you can do here once you've seen every permutation and rerun of *Law & Order*.

"Whoever took the money, I hope two things come of this," Farquhar said. "First, that the money helps the truly needy. And second, that I get to be on *Law & Order*!"

NEW PHONE GADGET SHOCKS UNWANTED CALLERS

By MARK TOMPKINS

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. – According to recent research, 60 percent of Americans are routinely harassed over the phone by creditors, telemarketers and family members. Peter P. Weevil, a 40-year-old electronics whiz from New Jersey, was no exception.

"About a year ago, a cousin started calling me every week, begging for money to pay off his gambling debts," he revealed on his late-night TV infomercial. "No

Wire. Talk about a 'pulse' phone!

"With this revolutionary new invention, you can give anyone an electric shock over the phone simply by pressing a button," Weevil promised.

Unfortunately, due to a mix-up at the production plant in Hong Kong, more than half of the units sold did nothing but emit a series of video game

THE GAYEST AMERICAN HERO!

THE GHOST OF DRAG QUEEN HOLLOW

By DREW SULLIVAN

MALIBU, Calif. — Among seasoned surfers, the area where the waves break is known as the boneyard. According to Kevin Andrews, however, that region would be better described as the *graveyard!*

It's not unusual for Andrews — known far and wide as Miss Adventure, the Gayest American Hero — to travel halfway around the globe to participate in a fantastic enterprise of some sort. But it *is* unusual to be called by a corpse.

"Actually, the summons wasn't for me," Andrews told *Weekly World News*. "It was issued to my friend and mentor Danny 'Dee Dee' Romano. And it came from an old surfing rival — one who had died in *1963!*"

The 62-year-old Romano is a legendary surfer, renowned from California's Muscle Beach to the shores of Hawaii's Banzai Pipeline. [illegible] "Gidget Guy," "The Pretty Young Queen from Pasadena," and a tune — hastily suppressed — whose title rhymed with Frankie Avalon's "Venus."

In those days, Dee Dee's chief rival was a sardonic Adonis named Jake Knarley — that is, until the fateful day when Jake hit the surf and the surf hit back. It broke his neck, which had no business being exposed the way it was. Yet it appeared that in some mysterious manner Romano's stygian adversary had returned from beyond. During the dark hours before dawn, the waves off Malibu's Drag Queen Hollow were home to a figure known to frightened locals as *Knarley's Ghost!*

"We heard about Knarley from our old pal, Benny 'Big Drag' Rickles," Andrews recalled. "Since the sixties, Big Drag has managed the only drag strip in the country run *exclusively* for transvestites. Like he says, 'Why else call it a *drag strip?*'"

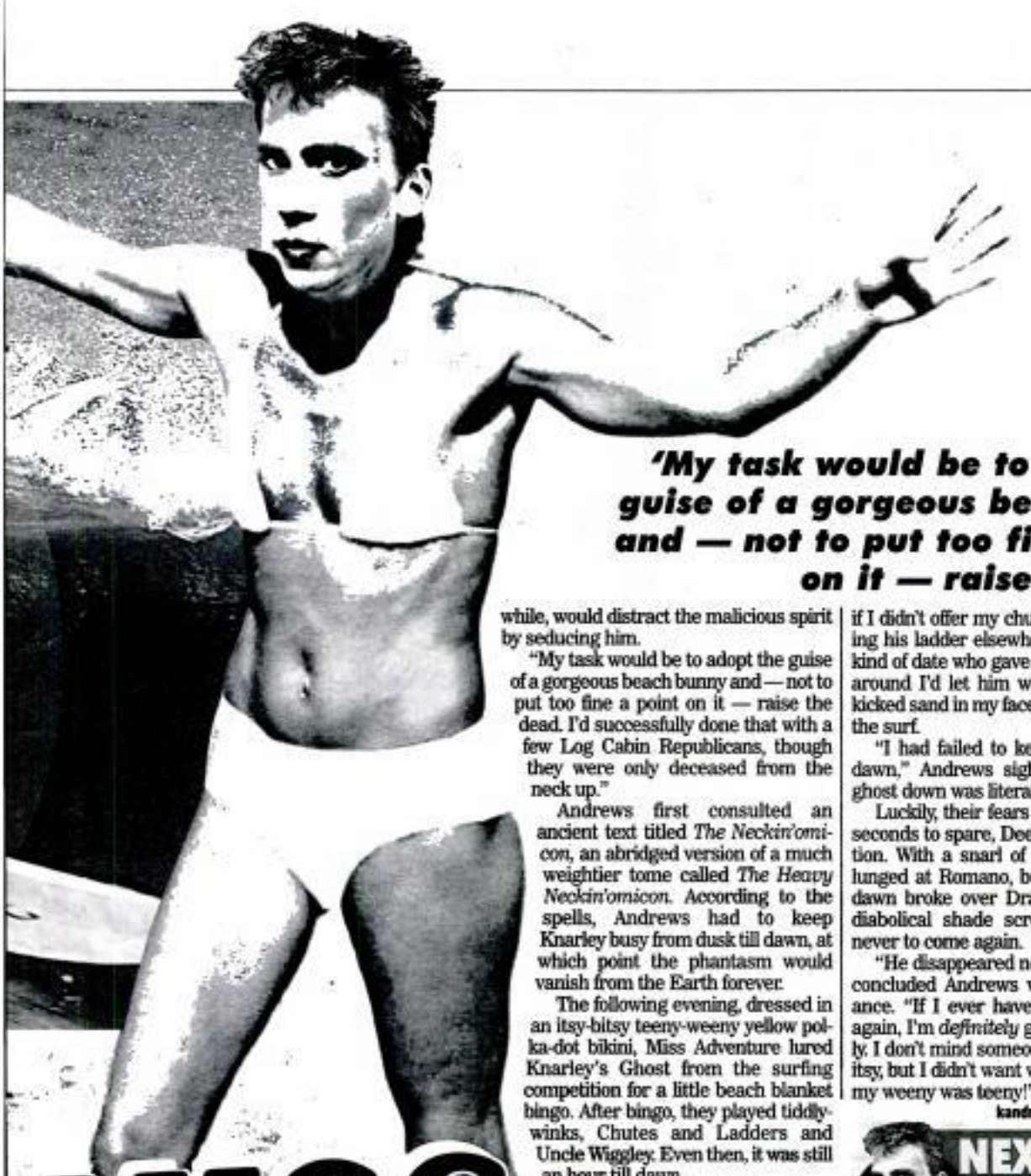
mortal challengers to a watery grave. Now he demanded a fatal showdown with his old foe, Dee Dee. Bravely, Andrews and Romano made the journey from Las Vegas — where Andrews was recovering from his experiences as the Amazing Colossal Drag Queen, also known in the local press as King Dong — to the shores of Sunny California.

"Our objective?" Andrews quipped. "A little *dead body* surfing!"

Andrews and Romano were met by Big Drag and the sepulchral Howard P. Lovelyce, Professor of Supernatural Studies at UCLA. Secretly, they spent the night watching Knarley's Ghost send one surfer after the next to that Big Kahuna in the Sky.

"We could *tell* he was dead," Andrews shuddered. "Instead of wearing regulation Speedos, he was dressed in a skimpy body baggie."

Calling on Professor Lovelyce's occult expertise, Andrews fashioned a plan to lay out



MISS ADVENTURE

'My task would be to adopt the guise of a gorgeous beach bunny and — not to put too fine a point on it — raise the dead'

while, would distract the malicious spirit by seducing him.

"My task would be to adopt the guise of a gorgeous beach bunny and — not to put too fine a point on it — raise the dead. I'd successfully done that with a few Log Cabin Republicans, though they were only deceased from the neck up."

Andrews first consulted an ancient text titled *The Neckin'omicon*, an abridged version of a much weightier tome called *The Heavy Neckin'omicon*. According to the spells, Andrews had to keep Knarley busy from dusk till dawn, at which point the phantasm would vanish from the Earth forever.

The following evening, dressed in an itsy-bitsy teeny-weeny yellow polka-dot bikini, Miss Adventure lured Knarley's Ghost from the surfing competition for a little beach blanket bingo. After bingo, they played tiddlywinks, Chutes and Ladders and Uncle Wiggley. Even then, it was still an hour till dawn.

"I was desperate," Andrews said. "I suggested another round of Chutes and Ladders, but Knarley pushed me aside. He said if I didn't offer my chute at once, he was taking his ladder elsewhere. I said I wasn't the kind of date who gave a chute, but if he stuck around I'd let him wink at my tiddlies. He kicked sand in my face and joined Dee Dee in the surf.

"I had failed to keep Knarley busy until dawn," Andrews sighed. "Now, taking the ghost down was literally up to Dee Dee."

Luckily, their fears were groundless. With seconds to spare, Dee Dee won the competition. With a snarl of rage, Knarley's Ghost lunged at Romano, but was thwarted when dawn broke over Drag Queen Hollow. The diabolical shade screamed and vanished, never to come again.

"He disappeared not a moment too soon," concluded Andrews with a trace of annoyance. "If I ever have to romance a corpse again, I'm *definitely* going to dress differently. I don't mind someone claiming my bitsy is itsy, but I didn't want word to get around that my weeny was teeny!"

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NEXT WEEK: Miss Adventure's harrowing ride on a runaway train!

WWN UNDERCOVER

MILLIONS OF 3-EYED LIVING AMONG US!

Government blind to the dangers of secret community's growing discontent

By DICK SIEGEL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Information gathered by *Weekly World News* from the highest levels of the intelligence community has confirmed a small but growing conclave of mutants are living secretly among us.

The self-described Necks-Gen are living proof of Darwin's theory of evolution. Each possess a third eye just above the hairline in the back of the head!

Federal agents became aware of the mutant underground when they busted magician Teddy Sturgeon in Las Vegas. Sturgeon was using the third eye to work a phony magic act at the Cassandra Motel. He was ratted-out by one of the backstage crew. Police initially thought he was an extraterrestrial and took him into custody.

Now sporting 3 black eyes, Sturgeon told *Weekly World News* that he is, in fact, a member of Necks-Gen.

"There are over a million of us worldwide," he said defiantly. "We mutants have to maintain a low profile. With two-thirds of America believing in Creationism, a.k.a. 'intelligent design,' over evolution, we have reason to be scared.

over 500 years ago, during the Spanish Inquisition.

"People were always looking over their shoulders to see if they were safe," said Sturgeon. "That only made them seem guilty. Over several generations, the most paranoid people evolved a third eye so they could watch their backs without being obvious."

The mutants recognize one another by the faint blinking under their hair or tears running down their neck. They long-ago took a vow of normalcy, living among non-mutants and concealing their third eyes with floppy hats, turned around baseball caps ("Who do you think started that craze?"), kerchiefs, turbans and hoods.

"But we only conceive children with our own kind," Sturgeon said.

Sturgeon also warned officials that there is a growing unrest in the mutant community.

"Many no longer wish to stay underground," he said. "We're tired of turning three blind eyes to the intolerance of this world."

Sturgeon steadfastly refused to name the leaders of the movement and is currently being held in federal custody.

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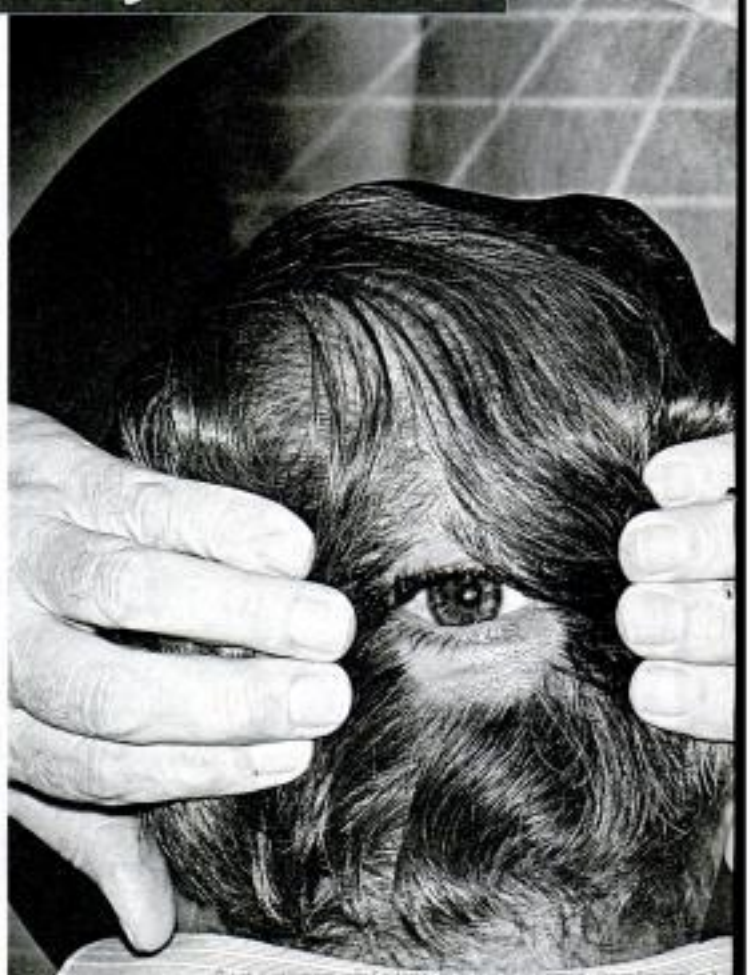


MUTANTS

NECKS-GENNERS tend to work as magicians, spies and nannies – careers that take advantage of the

LOL POPS

THEY'RE A GAS!

By MANDY CANE

JUNEAU, Alaska – Candy maker Donald Tophie has just released his newest product, one which he hopes will make him a major player in the confection arena.

"They're called LOLpops," said Tophie, "and they're designed to induce uncontrollable laughter in anyone who licks them.

"Unlike old-fashioned pops that have candy centers, we've added a bubble of nitrous oxide," said Tophie. "When the consumer hits the 'laughing gas,' watch out!"

At first, many people were outraged at the idea of having a dangerous chemical in candy.

"We're teaching our children to be junkies!" said Parents Nutrition Group advocate Sara Stuffie.

"So I guess they should stop going to the dentist and taking children's aspirin," Tophie said. "Kids get far more toxins when they walk past a smoker in the street."

Soon, however, people were buying LOLpops like crazy.

"Whenever our six-year-old son throws one of his mega-tantrums, I just give him a LOLpop," said harried Rachel Barnes. "His shouting turns to laughing out loud – and my sanity is saved."

Even adults have been joining the fun.

"LOLpops taste good – and then, suddenly, they taste better," said accounts manager Bill Kemp. "Maybe that's the gas talking, but who cares? My afternoons just fly by."

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By DORIAN WAGNER

1877

Sling back

A RUDIMENTARY time machine made from a supersize, super-strong rubber band surprisingly worked, jetting its creator way back to the year 1521.

Rupert Yaklin, 53, of Salzburg, Austria, spent his life trying to perfect his project and figured he had at least three or four years to go when the time machine suddenly just started working. "I was conducting a self-test of the resistance of the rubber at the time," Yaklin explained. "I wasn't expecting to go any further than five feet, but I ended up going decades!"

Yaklin only stayed in 1521 for several days before building a similar time machine out of rubber tree vines to send him back to 1877.

1964

Look out below!

A BAG of garbage apparently fell from a passing UFO and smashed onto a northern Kansas mobile home.

"That sack of trash came flying from the sky," said trailer-owner Bob Levans. "It dropped right through the roof and landed in our living room. And when me and Betsy ran out the door to see where it came from, we saw a UFO flying off. Darn aliens didn't even try and pick up their mess!"

Levans said he later picked through the bag to see if there was anything worth keeping, but it was "just discarded gift wrap and paper plates from some out-of-this-world celebration."

1979

Tail end

BABY Sarah's parents were shocked when they saw their beautiful newborn was born with a long, fluffy tail.

"It didn't show up in the ultra-sound!" her dad initially pleaded with doctors. But the parents eventually came to appreciate the tail.

"Like a cat's, it showed what she was thinking before she could even talk – by just watching it," her mom said. "If she swatted it, she was angry; if she curled it, she was happy; and if she puffed it up, she was scared."

UNEXPLAINED

UFO sightings have been capturing our imagination for decades. We're proud to reprint the best of these photographs as we approach 60 years of sightings.

FROM the window of his Conisbrough home, young schoolboy William Pratt spotted these three unidentified objects flying through the sky and snapped this extraordinary photograph.

To this day, no explanations have been offered to rationalize the three UFOs, and Pratt continues to maintain the photo is completely genuine.

1966: Conisbrough, England

Freed from the depths of Hell by an earthquake . . .

GIANT MUMMY ANT RAVAGES MEXICAN VILLAGE

By DICK SIEGEL

DON DEL ORO, Mexico — Deep below Grant's Tomb, Matthew Daemon, SOS (Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals) was monitoring the globe on his super-computerized Weird World Network for bizarre phenomena when the phone rang.

"Señor Daemon, is that you?"

"Yes. Who is this?" Daemon demanded. He glared at the caller I.D. which read, "Out of Country."

"I am Federale Miguel Vargas from Don del Oro in Mexico," said the caller. "A small earthquake has cracked open a hidden chamber at the ancient Temple of the Merciful Montezuma. It has released a rampaging monstrosity — a 15-foot-tall giant ant swathed in the bandages of a mummy!

"Our legends tell that such a creature was conjured by a shaman to fight the invading conquistadors from Spain," Vargas went on." The giant ant was successfully entombed in case he was ever needed again. He isn't — but he doesn't know that."

"A giant mummified ant, you say," Daemon replied. "Amigo, I'll need 10 sets of Colorforms, a high-wire net, a sledgehammer — and the assistance of you and your men."

Daemon immediately booked a flight South of the Border.

Soon, Daemon was baiting a trap in the blazing hot noonday sun of Don Del Oro. He stuck the classic geometric-shape Colorforms all over the dusty

had one of Vargas's men stand at each corner of the mesh. Then, mallet in hand, he waited.

Before long, the giant mummy ant charged into the town, its antennae roving wildly across the vinyl shapes.

"He appears angry!" Vargas exclaimed.

"Not angry," Daemon corrected. "Those festive shapes contain formic acid, the mating pheromone of his species.

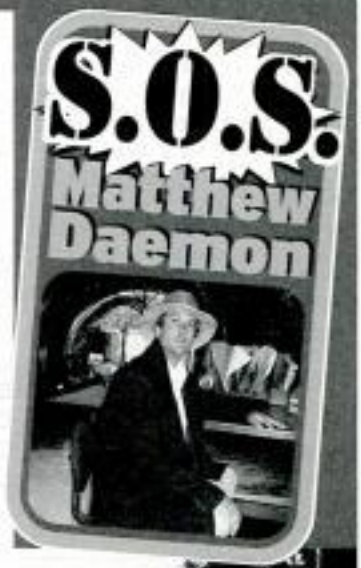
"He thinks they are lady ants?"

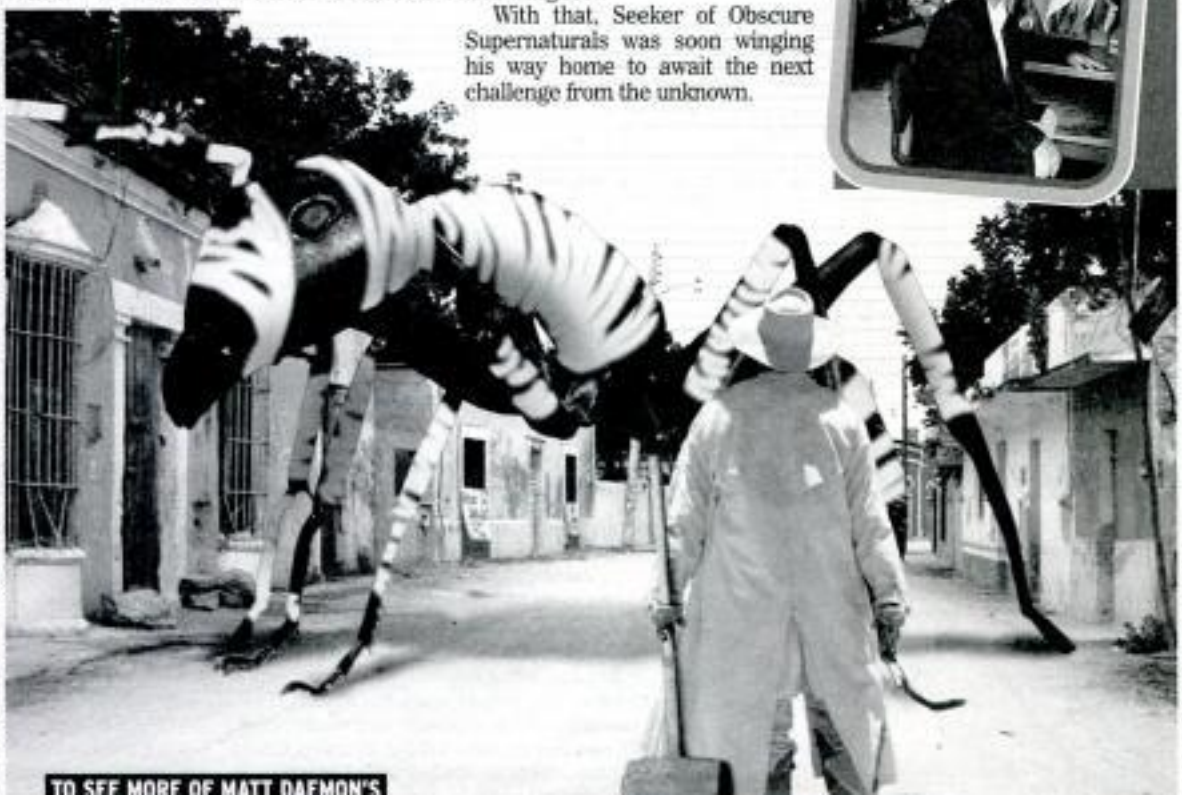
Daemon nodded. When the ant was directly beneath the net, he signaled the policia to cut the supporting ropes. The mesh dropped on the titanic insect. Unable to move, the mummy ant tripped over itself and crashed in a tangled heap. The Wizard of Weird walked over and conked it over the head with the hammer, rendering it unconscious. The lawmen quickly loaded the prone monster onto the back of a flatbed truck and returned it to its sacred resting place.

"Please Señor Daemon," said Vargas. "Take this golden apple from the temple as a gesture of our gratitude."

"And have Montezuma seek me out for revenge? No thanks," Daemon laughed.

With that, Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals was soon winging his way home to await the next challenge from the unknown.





TO SEE MORE OF MATT DAEMON'S

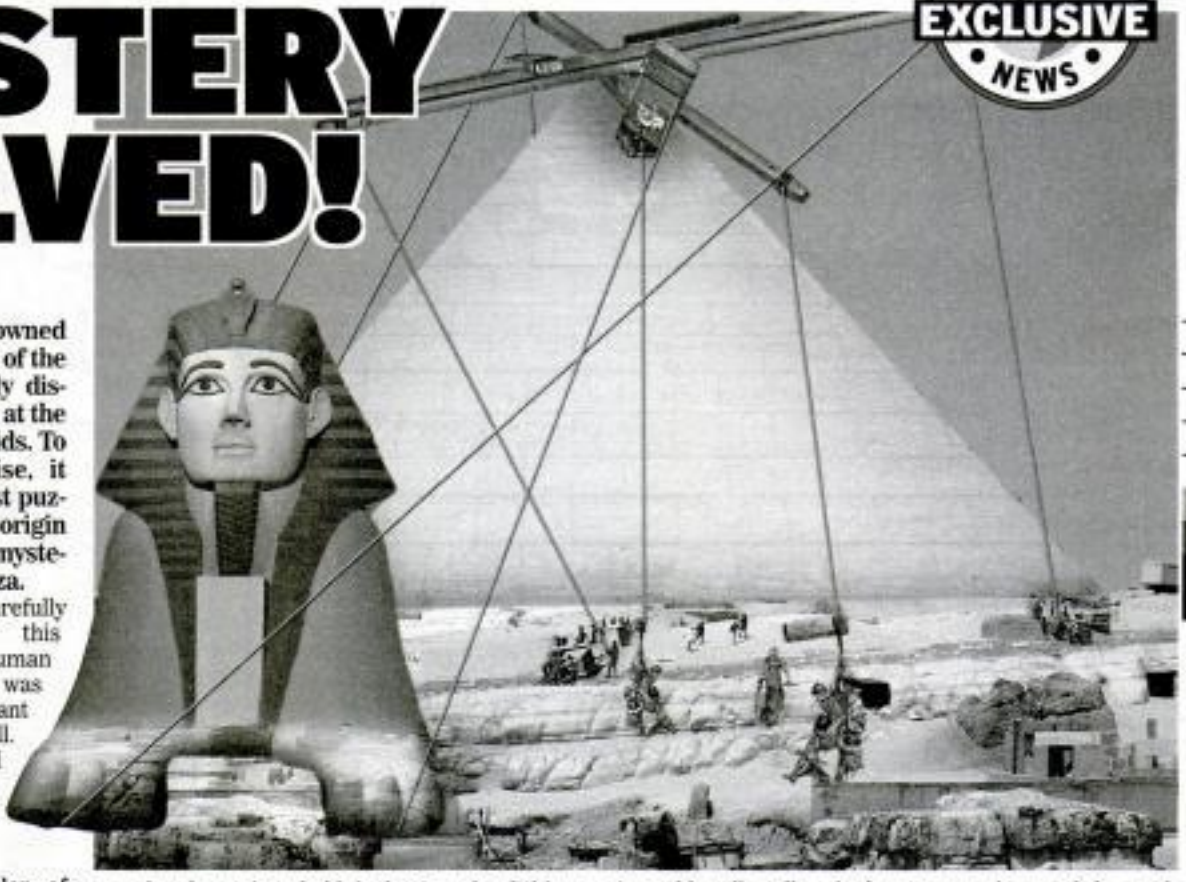
GREAT SPHINX MYSTERY SOLVED!

WEEKLY WORLD EXCLUSIVE NEWS

By DICK SIEGEL

CAIRO, Egypt — Renowned Egyptologist Carter Hull of the British Museum recently discovered an ancient scroll at the base of the Great Pyramids. To his delight and surprise, it solved one of the greatest puzzles of antiquity: The origin and true meaning of the mysterious Great Sphinx of Giza.

"According to the carefully translated hieroglyphics, this great creature with a human head and the body of a lion was originally designed as a giant marionette!" said Hull. "Apparently, the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids were all part of an elaborate 'show and tell' for the young King Tutankhamen."



"King Tut became ruler of ancient Egypt at age nine," Hull explained. "Since he would rather play Whip the Galley Slaves on the royal barge, his advisors sought a system to help him understand simple concepts like governing and decision making.

"Egyptians of the 18th Dynasty wore sandals with no socks, so sock puppets were out of the question," Hull said. "They had to do something else — something big and grand and certain to hold the boy's attention."

Tut's senior advisor, Hensones, worked with Egypt's architects and master builders to conceive the greatest puppet show on Earth. A great stone sphinx was built with the face of Tut's father, Akhenaten.

Employing a series of pulleys and rods worked by thousands of slaves, and using the pyramids as a fulcrum, Hensones manipulated the Sphinx so it could walk, talk, sing and even dance!

"According to the papyrus, the nine-year-old boy pharaoh would laugh and clap his hands in glee as the Sphinx gamboled and sang about how to deal with such problems as the overflowing Nile, locust swarms and the folly of going to war with Ethiopia over the price of figs."

However when the Boy King turned 13, he announced that he had outgrown the need for such juvenilia. Plans to construct a companion figure, the great frog Toadankhamen, were cancelled.

Professor Hull intends to stage a re-creation of the giant puppet show.

"It's a marvelous opportunity to blend the teaching of history with showmanship," he told *Weekly World News*. "Especially since modern pupils have an attention span shorter than Tut's."

Town using swinging rope crosswalks

By KIP LEWIS

HOLLYWOOD, Ill. – When traffic meets pedestrians, bad things happen. And the most dangerous spot is a crosswalk that has no traffic light.

But this small eastern Illinois town has found a safer way to cross the street. Town planners knew a crosswalk was needed near the new Hollywood mall, but stopping traffic was not practical. Then, Traffic Control Administrator Robert Tracy had an idea.

"I watched a lot of jungle movies as a kid reduces the time a pedestrian is vulnerable to traffic and you can swing over faster than you can walk. It isn't necessary to yell like Tarzan, but it helps."

Planning Commissioner Morris Clark said, "We were really hoping to build a pedestrian footbridge but didn't have the money. The rope was to be a stopgap measure but people seem to like it, kids especially. Even the older folks are getting into the swing of things. In fact, people are going out of their way to cross the street at this location."

"I have no doubt it's here to stay," said

WWN ARTS SECTION

MOVIE CRITIC NEVER STOPS SPEAKING IN MOVIE AD SUPERLATIVES!

By MARK MILLER

FERNLEY, Nev. — Film critics are notorious for their use of superlatives, big flashy words which are often excerpted in movie ads. For one movie reviewer, 33-year-old Eugene Rupell of *The Nevada Independent*, blurb-speak is a way of life.

"He starts the moment he gets home from work," revealed Tina, Rupell's wife of two years. "He'll walk in and say, 'I had a day to end all days! A day filled with laughter and nonstop excitement. A virtual thrill-ride!'

"It continues during dinner," she said. "After every meal he says something like, 'Honey, that was an absolute roller coaster of a meal, a wild journey through a universe of culinary delights!'

"In the morning, when the alarm goes off, he'll blurt, 'Sweetie, I just experienced the rest of the century! The sleep to end all sleep! The gold standard of repose!'

"And forget about birthdays and anniversaries," his wife reported. "Last speak its name! A love explosion of the highest order!' And it wasn't even our anniversary!

"It's sweet, but it does get on your nerves," Tina confided. "Our friends and family avoid us, and even the mailman's afraid to come to the door. Gene always thanks him for his 'timely arrival and provocative delivery, fraught with intriguing mystery.'"

Informed that some people find his superlatives meaningless and tiresome, and that his wife was considering marriage counseling, Rupell told *Weekly World News*, "That is the most astute critique in centuries! Its insights are astonishing!

"I can't wait to experience that critique again in print!"

REJECTED SEQUELS

By MICHAEL ROVIN

LOS ANGELES – While taking out the trash at Cosmic Studios, janitor Ralph Barnes came across a thick file in the garbage bin.

"The label said 'S and P Concepts,' " said Barnes. "It looked very official and I thought it might have been tossed by accident. I decided to take a look."

The file contained ideas for proposed sequels and prequels to popular movies, ideas that were apparently rejected.

Knowing that readers Barnes forwarded a copy of the file. The proposals included:

- ***Copse Gump***
- ***Raging Calf***
- ***Still Unforgiven***
- ***Bigger Fish***
- ***Son of Rain Man***
- ***Bravelungs***
- ***The Post-Graduate***
- ***Two Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest***
- ***Mini-Van Helsing***
- ***Eight Weddings and Two Funerals***
- ***Apocalypse Then***
- ***Million Dollar Adolescent***

"While it was refreshing those sequels," Barnes said, "it's a pity they still make as many bad movies as they do.

"Then again," he added, "if they threw out every bad idea they

Blues musician 'Hurricane Pete' goes from a 'Category 5' performer to a 'Category 1'

By MARK MILLER

GALVESTON, Tex. – For the last 17 years, Peter "Hurricane Pete" Hower has been one of Texas' most successful blues musicians.

"I chose the name 'Hurricane' because it is associated with awesome power," he said. "And the name brought me luck. I was always booked solid for one or two years in advance and had more club dates than I could possibly handle, thank the Lord."

That changed this year after all the hurricanes that tore through Louisiana, Florida, Texas and other states.

Brad Simmons, owner of the Blues Bucket nightclub, had been one of Hurricane's regular employers. Now, he doesn't even want Hower near the club.

"I feel bad," Simmons said. "But with a name like 'Hurricane' the man's a constant reminder of the devastation past and still to come. I'm in business to attract customers, not bum them out and have them leave after one beer."

"I understand the problem and guess I'm gonna have to change my name," Hower sighed. "But call me a pessimist

THE ADVENTURES OF MATTHEW DAEMON

S.O.S.

As "Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals," Jon is called on to solve strange and bizarre goings on.

MYSTERIOUS GROUNDHOG MEN SIGHTED!

By DICK SIEGEL

WAUPUCA COUNTY, Okla. — In the backwoods farming community of Springerville, deep in Waupuca, local residents have been plagued by the sudden and mysterious sightings of giant groundhog men.

"I was romping through the

It turned and looked at me and made this horrible, shrill noise

The groundhog men apparently hitched a ride to Earth's surface on an oil drill bit.

Evil maple trees like these sprung to life and attacked anyone who got in front of them.

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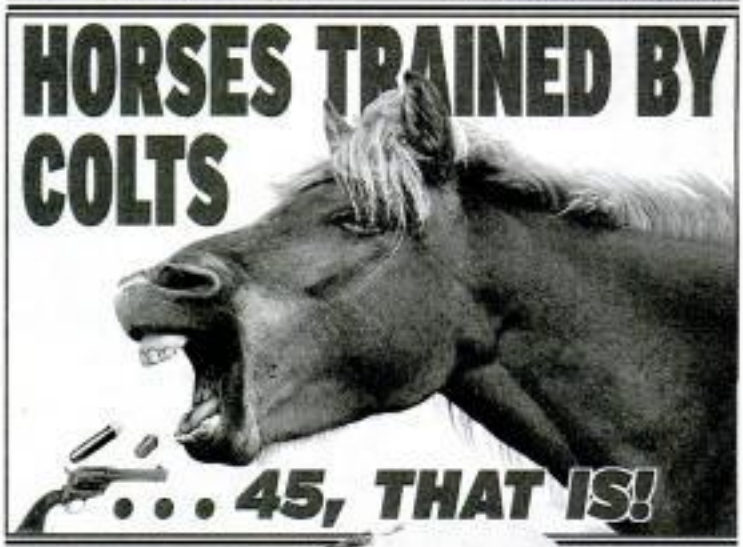


Church & State face off as . . .

CONGRESS PREPARES TO REPEAL THE LAW OF GRAVITY

By PAUL KUPPS

'IT'S IN THE BIBLE!'
'IT DOESN'T EXIST!'

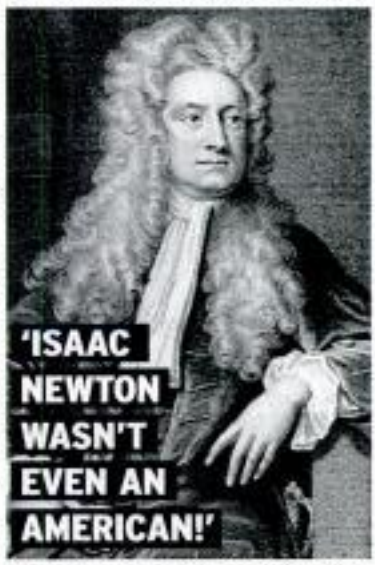
WASHINGTON, D.C. — One of the most divisive issues in America today remains the debate over the validity of scientific theory. From evolution vs. intelligent design, global warming vs. benign climatic change, stem cell research vs. needless dying, political differences have spilled into the laboratory.

The latest and most vocal debate is over what has been, until recently, one of the bedrocks of science: Gravity.

"Has anyone ever actually seen gravity?" asked Senator Dennis Halfwitt (R-Georgia). "Of course not, because it doesn't exist. The Bible says that Earth and everything on it was created in seven days, and nowhere is gravity mentioned. The reason we don't float off our sweet, flat planet is because the good Lord wants us to stay put.

Dr. Sam 'Right' Winger, a professor of Religious Sciences at Buffalo Smith University, agreed.

"It's all right there in the Bible, in Genesis, verse 7," Winger said, the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.' Heaven up, firmament down, God's will."


'ISAAC NEWTON WASN'T EVEN AN AMERICAN!'

right thing to do," Senator Halfwitt continued. "That's why I've put forth joint resolution HR-666, repealing the so-called Law of Gravity."

"Isaac Newton wasn't even an American," Halfwitt added. "He perpetrated this hoax based on having an apple fall on his head. It never occurred to this heretic, who also gave the world calculus — which also makes no sense — that this was actually the Lord's way of trying to smite him for his wrong-headed thoughts, and not proof of some asinine theory."

White House spokesperson Walter Meade said, "The president has long believed that gravity should be a faith-based initiative instead of something mandated by law."

Senator Ted Badriver (D-Maine) said the initiative has no chance of passing.

"But I support my colleague Senator Halfwitt to this extent," he said. "If an American doesn't

HEADLINES FROM TOMORROW!

By CHUCK LEE

AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck has consented to share his remarkable predictions in a weekly column:

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., 2008 – Despite telling fans that he was done making movies, George Lucas directs another *Star Wars* trilogy following the adventures of "Duck" Skywalker, Luke's daughter. The first film is called *Howard of Tatooine*.

BEIJING, China, 2010 – Chinese become fed up trying to cut food with chopsticks. They add tiny hatchets to the end so they are now, truly, "chop" sticks.

DETROIT, Mich., 2012 – The new Plexus automobile is designed with the steering wheel in the center. This eliminates blind spots and leaves room on both sides of the driver to control entertainment centers, phones, food, drink, etc.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2015 – Coffee is declared a narcotic by the Food and Drug Administration.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2015 – Productivity drops due to lack of caffeine. A new FDA study finds that the previous study was "in error."

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., 2016 – Escape pods have been installed in the first-class section of airplanes. Business-class travelers get parachutes and coach passengers still have flotation devices.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. 2021 – People have become so fat from eating fast food that restaurants are forced to "double-size" doors so customers can enter.

ARUBA, 2035 – Vacationing at the winter White House, President Jenna Bush declines to comment on the rise of first-class postage stamps to $2.

MANHATTAN, N.Y., 2036 – The last post office closes after selling a

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DID YOU KNOW...

A goldfish has a memory span of only three seconds.

TONGUE TWISTER

Friendly Frank flips fine flapjacks.

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A MAN'S MAN... PAUL BUNYAN

ONCE A HERO, ALWAYS A HERO!

By JOHN HENRY

HIBBING, Minn. — A group of lumberjacks was trudging home when they came across a flyer nailed high on a tree. It said, *Paul Bunyan challenges any and all monsters to a fight next Tuesday. Winner takes the gate.*

"That was real sad to see," said 67-year-old Frank Gibbin. "We hadn't heard a peep from Bunyan in a generation. It was 1949 when he suddenly stopped cutting down trees and just disappeared." Gibbin added, his voice choking, "That's no way for an American legend to end up."

Weekly World News visited the woods last Tuesday, hoping to get an interview. There were hundreds of lumberjacks there, thrilled to see Paul Bunyan back in action after all this time. Everyone was curious what monster Bunyan would be roughing up. We found him shadowboxing in a large cave before the fight and approached him. He paused long enough to answer our questions about what he's been doing and where his blue ox Babe had gone.

"What happened was, I realized that cutting down trees was bad for the planet," said the sweaty giant, who was dressed in trunks made of layered bark. "They all came from fallen trees," he assured us.

"After I quit lumberjacking I joined Green World up in Canada to help save the environment," he went on. "I wanted Babe to be the new mascot but he was approached by Happy Homesites land developer to clear miles of forest in order to build developments and condos. It paid better than Green World — they gave him his own big barn — so he took the job and we parted ways.

"It was sad, but there was nothing else to do," he said. "I went around making sure that the wilderness was preserved, keeping a low profile and picking up garbage people left behind. I felt good about myself. But — Green

A class of their own . . .

Trendy kindergarten has its own sororities & fraternities!

By MARK MILLER

JOLIET, Ill. – Like most kindergartens throughout the nation, the Fontaine School teaches children to color, do simple puzzles, and listen to the teacher. But because the Fontaine School is also a trendy, expensive private school, it offers something that sets it apart from the typical public school kindergarten: preschool fraternities and sororities!

"It's a growing trend," said headmaster Ellsworth Snoot, accustoms children to the idea that some of them will have an elevated standing in the family of man."

"It's so cool!" said Phi Epsilon president Billy Tomkins, 5. "It's like a secret club and if you're not in one of them, you're a big dumb loser."

Christine Lauren, 4, of Delta Kappa, agreed. "I wuv it. We have our very own T-shirts and we promise to be friends for life."

The individual fraternities and

BRAINTEASER

I am light as a feather, but the strongest man can't hold me for more than a minute. What am I?

SOLUTION: Breath.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

HEBDOMAD = A group of seven.

WHAT IS IT?

This is an extreme close-up of a common object. Can you tell what it is?

Answer: Light-bulb.

RETURNS!

World was ahead of its time.

Without funds, they shut down. I've been wandering since then, living off the land. I came back because I was lonely — and needed money for new clothes."

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS junior FAIRY-TALE INTERVIEW

After our chat, Bunyan was ready for the fight. But except for a large bear who wandered into the clearing and scared some of the lumberjacks, no opponent showed up.

"Not even a second-rate monster like the Crawling Eye or Them!" beefed one of the paying customers.

Apparently no monster was interested in fighting a forgotten giant. Several lumberjacks booed the fallen hero. Their money was refunded and Paul Bunyan stalked away in shame.

Not content to watch an American icon fade into the wilderness, *Weekly World News* tracked down Happy Homesites and Bunyan's lost friend Babe. We explained the situation to the big blue ox, who immediately stopped pulling out trees in Colorado and galloped to Minnesota to see his friend. There were tears aplenty as the estranged legends embraced. There was also a tremor that was felt 50 miles away.

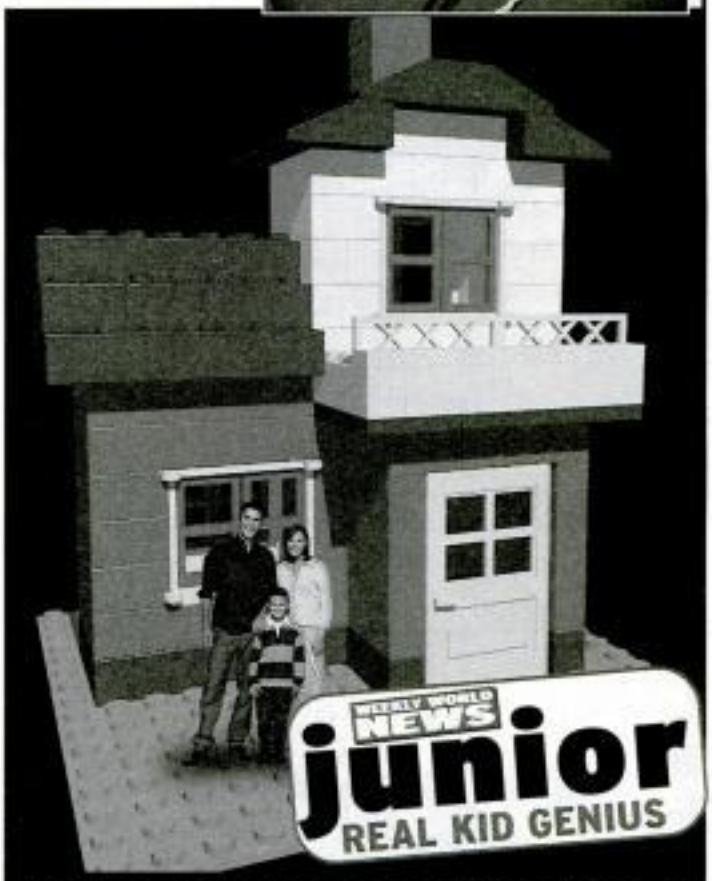
"I want to thank *Weekly World News* for reuniting us," said the grateful Bunyan. "We'll never let anything come between us again."

Days later we learned that Bunyan and Babe had started their own disaster relief company, applying their great strength to help Americans in need.

"*That's* what American legends do," an elated Frank Gibbin remarked.

snack time. Since they were founded last fall, only one of the fraternities, Alpha Kappa, has

"We're not allowed to make pledges drink five chocolate milks in a row any more," explained a



WEEKLY WORLD NEWS junior REAL KID GENIUS

KID BUILDS HOUSE OF LEGOS FOR HIS FAMILY!

By DORIAN WAGNER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Even though his parents were down on their luck, 5-year-old Joey Hooth still got the super-duper Lego set he wanted for his birthday. To show his gratitude, he decided to use the interlocking plastic blocks to build his family a much-needed new home.

"He looked at me with a straight face and told me he was making a bigger house for us," his mom recalled. "I was seven months pregnant then, and Joey said he wanted to make sure his 'brother-sister' – we didn't want to know the sex until it was born

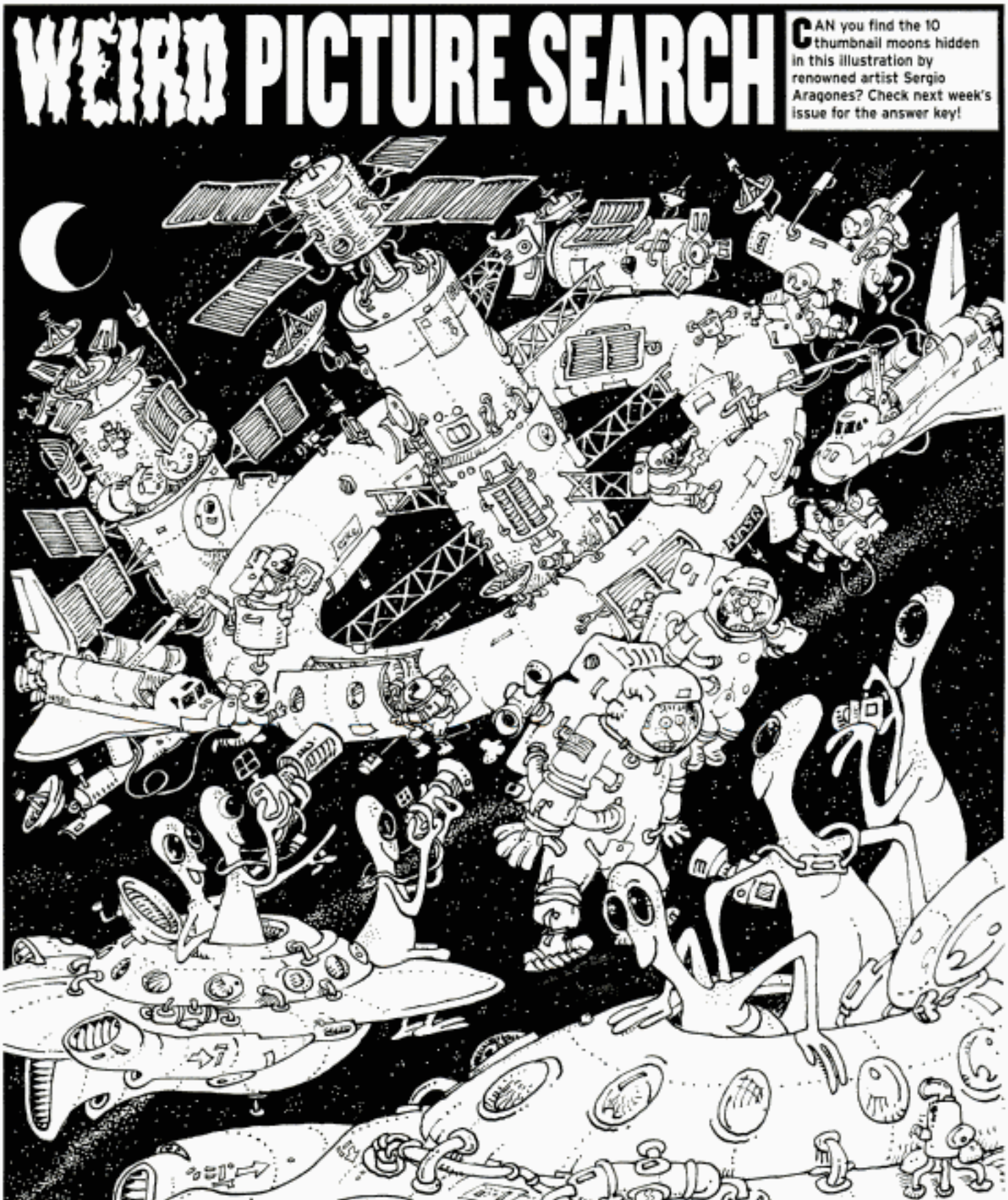
Not long into his project, Joey realized the mound of Legos he had was nowhere near enough to build a house, but he would not be defeated.

"He asked all the kids in the neighborhood for their Legos too!" his mom beamed. "And the other parents even bought him extra above that for his project."

The family eventually ended up with a comfortable two-

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

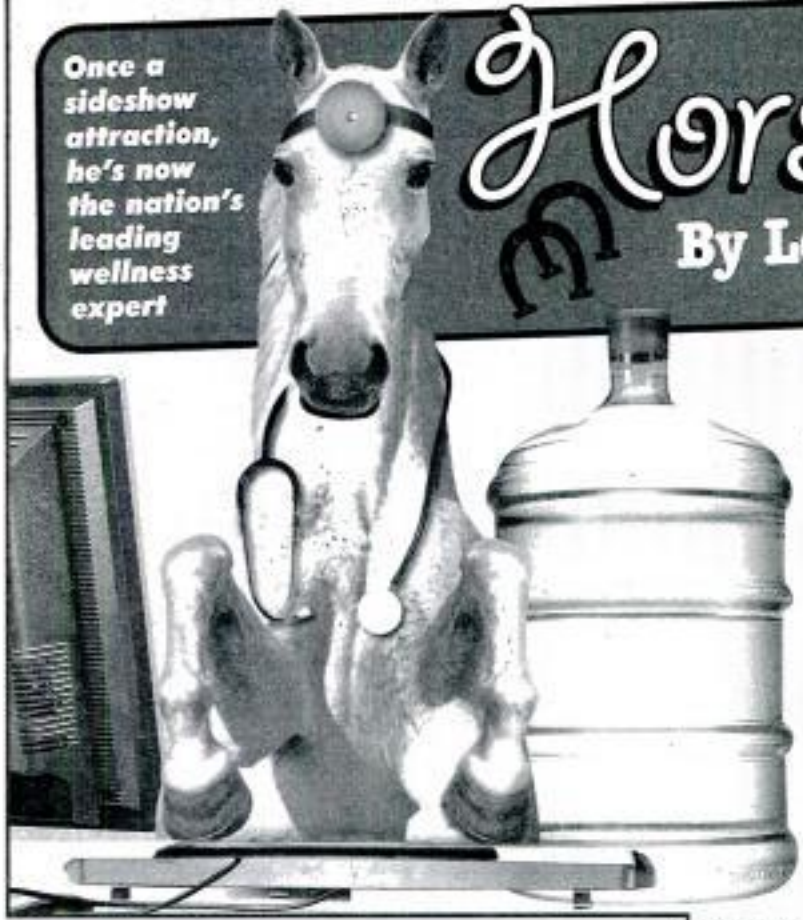
CAN you find the 10 thumbnail moons hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragones? Check next week's issue for the answer key!



Horse Sense

By Lester the Typing Horse

Once a sideshow attraction, he's now the nation's leading wellness expert



Do I really need to drink 8 glasses of water every day?

Dear Mr. Horse: Everyone keeps telling me to drink eight glasses of water a day but I don't feel like drinking that much. Is it really important to drown myself like that?

— Debbie Rogers
Boston, Mass.

Dear Debbie:

Absolutely not! Being a horse, I drink 10 gallons of water a day. But there are some horses that only drink 5 gallons. Listen to your body: Your height, weight, gender and amount of physical activity will determine your water needs. Remember, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. The same goes for people.

I get lots of sleep but I'm still tired!

Dear Mr. Horse: I usually sleep about eight hours a night but I'm still tired during the day. What's up with that?

— Steven Steinberg
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Steven:

Many factors affect the quality of sleep, such as a quiet environment (wear earplugs if you must) and good ventilation. I find that going to sleep when the sun goes down, and waking when it rises, coincides with nature's design and gives us the soundest sleep. However, I also recommend sleeping on your feet. It's great for the circulation and respiration.

What's the best exercise?

Dear Mr. Horse: What is the best way to stay in shape?

— Warren Turner
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Warren:

Lifting weights strengthens the muscles and the bones. A good cardiovascular workout not only helps you burn calories, but exercises the heart and keeps the lymphatic system working, which cleans toxins from your body. A single exercise that combines the two would be one that I and most other horses do. Run around with someone on your back. You'll see a difference real quick!

I'm 37 and still get zits!

Dear Mr. Horse: I'm 37 years old but I still get acne. My dermatologist hasn't been able to help. How do I "clean up" my act?

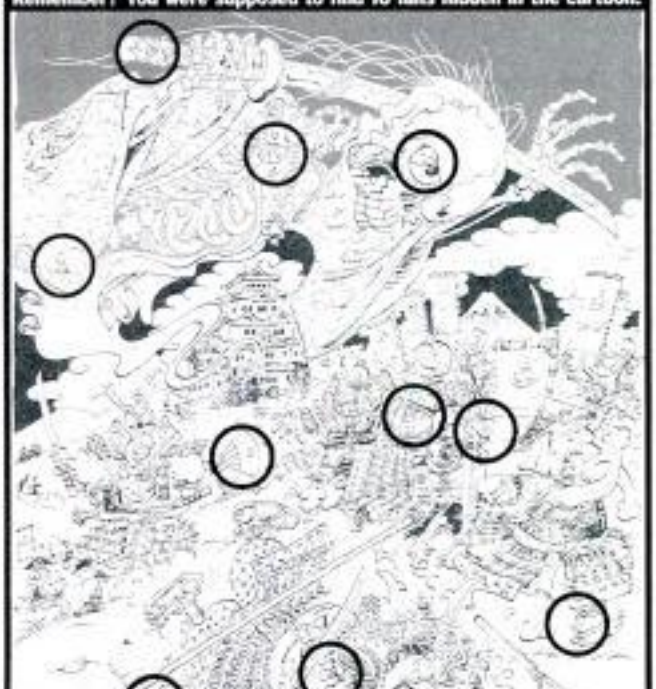
— Peter Whelp
Portland, Maine

Dear Peter:

As a horse, I don't get pimples. I get flies and I just swat them away. Zits are a tougher fix. Some acne is genetic, in which case you're stuck at the starting gate. On the other hoof, your diet may be affecting your skin. Pimples are often the result of a body expelling carcinogens. The less

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 fans hidden in the cartoon.



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BAM!
BLAM!
BRAKKADAK!
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NO! WE WERE MARTYRS ONCE. WE DIED PRAYING. NOT KILLING!
HISS!
R-RRIP!
GRONK!
RAK-K
ERNIE COLON
BACK HOME, WE CALL THAT "GETTIN' SERVED"
THE ADVENTURES OF BAT BOY
BY P. BAGGE '05
BAT BOY AND HIS TRAVELLING COMPANIONS, BADGER BOY AND PLATYPUS GIRL FINALLY ARRIVE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THEIR CHOSEN DESTINATION, ONLY TO BE CONFRONTED BY A TRAGIC SIGHT...
?!? WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING?
WELCOME TO FREAKTOWN POPULATION: YOU!
CONDEMNED
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? FREAKTOWN'S BEING DEMOLISHED!
ALREADY? THAT WAS FAST!
OUR LAST APPEAL WAS REJECTED, SO THEY DECIDED TO ACT FAST BEFORE WE COULD FILE ANOTHER ONE...
I ADMIT OUR TOWN ISN'T MUCH TO LOOK AT, BUT IT WAS OUR HOME...
BESIDES, WHERE ELSE CAN WE GO? WHO WOULD WANT US?
CHECK'S CAS
SIGH.: WE WALKED ALL THIS WAY FOR NOTHING.
OH WELL, NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK — RIGHT, BAT BOY?
?!?
WHERE'D BAT BOY GO?
-LOOK! THERE HE IS!
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GLIDE THE FRIENDLY SKIES

By DICK SIEGEL

New airline takes the bite out of high cost of fuel!

DeHAVILLAND, Nebr. – Due to the high cost of jet fuel, eccentric billionaire and aviation buff Gray Richardson has announced the formation of a new airline – one that gives new meaning to "riding the wind."

"Glide Air was created to be fuel efficient," Richardson told *Weekly World News*. "We have gas-free motorless gliders, like the air corps used during wartime. They comfortably hold 30 passengers and a crew of 5. We attach several Glide Air craft to a 747 by tether. When they're above their destinations, the gliders are released and they sail on in.

"Using these gliders will cut operating costs by more than 85 percent," he said. "And passengers will enjoy the fact that our cabins are very, very quiet."

However, Federal New Plane Commissioner Chuck Meager is skeptical about the venture.

"First, once you release the glider from the parent jet it's at the mercy of the prevailing winds," Meager said. "Second, you can't circle the airport if there's a delay. Third, you only get one turn at the runway. If the pilot doesn't come in exactly right he can't turn around and try again."

Undaunted, Richardson expects to have Glide Air fully operational by October.

"I don't know what the FNPC is in a huff about," said Richardson. "No aircraft is 100 percent safe. At least we don't have to worry about the biggest cause of air disaster – engine failure."

By CHARLES OUID

TAMPA, Fla. — *Weekly World News* recently reported on the wedding ceremony that took place between a human and a dolphin (Oct. 17, 2005). Unique as that event was, the newlyweds were soon displaced as the top attraction at the Ocean Realm aquarium.

"One evening I was cleaning the outside of the fish tanks when I heard a tapping inside," said Chris Mudge, the janitor. "I looked up and saw our octopus Amy pointing at the glass. There was dark writing on the inside. It said "U Mist a Spot." I got spooked and ran to get the manager"

Manager Ricou Rifle immediately came to see what had frightened Mudge.

"Octopi have ink sacs which shoot a dark fluid for defense," said Rifle. "I figured it was a fluke. But no — Amy had actually used her ink to communicate with us. We've been so busy studying the intelligence of dolphins that we overlooked our eight-tentacled friends. Not only did she master English, she wrote backwards on

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

W	E	M	X	P	K	C	E	R	W	P	I	H	S	M	X	R	E	S
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HOW TO PLAY

Look up, down, backward, forward and sideways – in all directions – to find the words or names about all things *Titanic* in the list below.

SINKING
CRUISE
LUXURY
MAIDEN VOYAGE
CHAMPAGNE
VIOLIN
DINNER
ICEBERG
AT SEA
DISASTER
CATASTROPHE
SURVIVORS
ATLANTIC OCEAN
RICHES
GOLD
PRICELESS ART
LIFEBOAT
RAFTS
BAND PLAYED ON
CAPTAIN
CABINS
SUBMARINE

OCTOPUS SCRIBE

the glass so we'd understand the words!"

As Rifle stood there, Amy began to squirt more ink on the glass. She used her tentacle tips to organize the liquid into letters and words. This time the message said, "Can I have more fish tnw? U don't feed me enuf."

"Obviously, this wasn't a gag," Rifle said. "I wrote on a pad that we'd absolutely give her more fish. She seemed to understand, which got me thinking. Octopi have very good eyesight and a big floppy brain. She probably saw visitors using text messages and figured out what the words meant."

The next day, a sign proudly announced Ocean Realm's newest marine attraction Amy the Writing Octopus.

Over a thousand people waited in line for hours to get a glimpse of Amy. For an extra five dollars, a guest could use a black felt pen to have a brief written conversation with the cephalopod.

"My kids had a blast chatting with Amy," said Diane Minnow. "She answered all their questions, like if she ate people and if she played the drums. It was worth the $20 it cost."

Unfortunately, after a few days Amy suddenly stopped communicating. Panicked, Rifle sent an ichthyologist into the tank to see what was wrong. After a brief examination, the doctor emerged and shook her head.

"Amy will need at least a week of rest," she said.

"Why? What's wrong?" Rifle demanded.

The doctor replied, "When an octopus gets writer's cramp, it really gets writer's cramp!"

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ACROSS

1 The home office
6 United Kingdom (2 wds)
12 Will beneficiary
14 Engine need
15 Health resort
16 Word in a Christmas carol
19 Reclaimed
20 Authority
21 Driver's license, at times (3 wds)
23 Last Supper attendees
25 Playground fixtures
26 Likewise
27 Biting, pungent
28 Pekoe pouch
30 On that spot
31 Engrave
34 Ogled
36 Gentle breeze
38 Footprint, perhaps
40 Heathen
41 Sushi selection
42 Life of Riley
44 Senior, to Junior
46 Edison's initials
47 Clinton's VP
49 Ginger cookie
50 Cats and dogs, often
51 Victoria's Secret stock
52 Period
54 Throw out
56 Nectar collectors
58 Greek letter
59 Mortgage payer
63 Turn back to zero
66 Board pieces
68 Requiring a scratch
70 Popular song of yore
71 Artist's prop
73 Pays no heed to
75 Touched down
77 Love dearly
79 Part of USNA
81 Princess of the Punhab
82 Flyer fillers
84 Permits
86 Chicken cut
87 Vine fruits
88 Dovelike
90 Ocean
92 Good opponent
94 Well-to-do
96 Prognosticator
97 Pain in the neck
98 Sketch
100 "Stop and smell the —"
101 Daytime TV fare, briefly
102 Steakhouse choice
103 Poem part
104 Armed uprising
106 Call it quits
107 Put in order
109 Senility
111 Napped leather
112 Treeless tract of Asia
114 Departs
116 Summer TV fare
117 Copied
118 Tibetan ox
119 Short-lived craze
120 Cupid's cousin
122 American marsupial
125 Genetically altered ones
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129 A way out
130 Water whirl
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141 — Mahal
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170 Hops and barley drink
171 Make louder
174 Watch one's weight
176 Playbill group
177 Have a hero
179 Goes bad
181 Jolson hit "— River"
183 Felt
185 Nonsense
187 Oriental sauce
189 Desi's love
190 Bit part
191 It may be blessed
192 Cookbook verb
193 Breadwinner's reward
195 Disorderly throng
197 Actress Kelly
199 Religion
202 Sad bugle call (2 wds)
204 Actress Hunt
206 Motorist's hazard
209 Hard glazed roll
211 Runner's competition
213 Pass on
215 Dentist's degree (Abbr)
216 Heavenly glows
217 Poor box donations
220 Lima's land
222 Zilch
223 Fri. follower
225 Wrestling surface
227 Opposite of dele
229 Gemstone
231 Exclude, shut out
232 Take it easy
233 Bit of skin art
235 Hidden supplies
237 Blood fluids
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Hi, Dolly!

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HI, DOLLY: My daughter Katie has an imaginary friend named Diane and it's driving me crazy. When I sit in a chair, Katie goes nuts saying I just crushed Diane.

At first I thought it was cute, but now it's driving me crazy. Also, I'm worried that Diane will "tell" Katie to do something harmful to herself or others. — Frustrated in Frankfurt.

Dear Frustrated: That's a real concern, my friend. Your daughter is rebelling against you by using the imaginary friend as her middleman (or woman).

Tell Diane she'll have to wait in the next room so you can talk to Katie alone. Explain that you're worried she'll get into trouble listening to Diane. If she keeps it up, take both of them to a child psychologist.

'No amount of talk will change him'

My fiancé picks up hitchhikers!

Hi, Dolly: My fiancé Frank is an insurance salesman who drives all over the state. He calls me from the road and there is usually someone in the car with him because he picks up hitchhikers.

It's just a matter of time until some sicko gets in the car. What do you think? He'll listen to you. — Selma in Grand Rapids

Dear Selma: I agree with you 100 percent, punkin. Kudos to warmhearted Frank for trying to be a Good Samaritan. But he's playing Russian Roulette; sooner or later he's going to get the loaded chamber.

I had a male friend who picked up a female hitchhiker who accused him of molesting her. With just the two of them in the car, it was tough to prove otherwise.

Tell Frank I say the next time he spots a hitchhiker, he should keep his foot on the gas pedal.

How do you say 'sorry' after 20 years?

Hi, Dolly: My best friend Ronnie and I got into an argument 20 years ago and haven't spoken since. It was about some silly thing and I miss her very much. If I call her, do you think she'll forgive me or tell me to go to h-e-double toothpicks? — Sorry in Tulsa

Dear Sorry: There's no way of knowing unless you make the call. It's a tragedy that you lost 20 years together. It would be a big-ably misses you too, and I'm bettin' the farm the two of you will be laughing faster than folks finish my rhubarb pie.

My hubby is still running the rat race

Hi, Dolly: My husband and I are retired and love to take short car trips. The problem is he ignores me when I ask to stop to take a look at little shops. He's always rush, rush, rush.

How can I get him to slow down? — Tired of Racing in Sacramento

Dear Tired of Racing: To you, love bun, retirement means taking it easy. Yet your man is still running a race. Piffle on that. It's just typical male behavior.

Trust me muffin — I've been through two hubbies and no amount of talk will change him.

What you need to do is refuse to go anywhere if it's going to be a race. Either he'll go alone (which ain't no fun!) or he'll learn that you have a say in the agenda too.

My girlfriend lied about her age!

Hi, Dolly: My girlfriend Frieda and I are weeks away from getting married. We met two years ago in a club. When I told her I was 22, she said she was 24.

Imagine my surprise when we went for the marriage license and I discovered she was really 34. She says if she revealed her true age, I probably wouldn't have dated her (which is true).

As time went by, she didn't know how to tell me. What should I do? Should I call off the diddly. Yes, you feel betrayed and lied to and yadda, yadda, yadda.

But you can understand her dilemma. The real question is: Do you love her? Does she love you? If the answer's a big fat "yes," age shouldn't matter more than a turkey's head on Thanksgiving. She's still the same person she was last week.

P.S. She's not exactly a granny.

Mommy loves my baby brother more than me

Hi, Dolly: My mother reads your column every week, so I'm writing this letter in the hopes she'll see it. I'm a fifth-grade student, 11 years old. I have a little brother Kevin who is five.

It's very plain that my parents love Kevin more than me. At the dinner table, they're interested in every moment of Kevin's life. They hardly ask about mine. I feel hurt over this. — Shannon in Cedar Bluff

Dear Shannon: I'm so sorry you're hurting, luv. First, do some soul searching to see if your sorrow doesn't stem from losing mama and daddy's full attention, which you had for years.

If sibling jealously isn't the problem, go ahead and confess your pain to your parents. Chances are good they'll understand and try to fix things. If they say your problem is stupider than Evian water in a pigpen, go to your school guidance counselor.

The three of you would benefit from some good counseling.

Too pooped to predict . . .

AGING PSYCHIC IS LITERALLY BEHIND THE 8-BALL

By WILL SAGE

PSYCHIC Rita Salem fell so far behind in her 8-Ball predictions, she ran a classified ad looking for help.

GERMANTOWN, Pa. — Last year, *Weekly World News* was asked to run an ad that read, LOOKING FOR PSYCHICS! AM BEHIND THE 8 BALL! HELP!"

Intrigued, we contacted the advertiser, Rita Salem. It took 11 months for the 72-year-old to get back to us — with good reason. She is a very special mystic.

"You know those large novelty 8-Balls where you ask questions and then turn them over for the answer?" asked Salem. "Well, I control all the replies. And I needed help."

The Mystic 8-Ball was created in the late 1940s as a fun way to deal with the feelings of insecurity in the Red-scare nuclear age.

"I got into the business in my early twenties, when I was just a tarot card reader at a carnival," said Salem. "I had all kinds of energy then and was capable of handling the thousands of questions that people asked the 8-Ball. I'd sit in this very rocking chair and get 'pings' from people. Then I'd send psychic waves back to the 8-Balls to instruct them how to answer.

"That's one reason we limited the number of responses in each ball to things like, 'Outlook Not So Good' and 'Without a Doubt,' " Salem said. "It was easier for me. Plus, that was enough to cover most of the questions back then.

"But as decades passed and the popularity of the 8-Ball grew, I started to get overwhelmed," she said. "I'd send back more and more 'Ask Again Later' replies. Also, people became more savvy. They wanted more specific answers."

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Last year, she finally threatened to quit if she didn't get some help. Now Salem has a half-dozen young prognosticators helping her. Even better, the Mystic 8-Ball business has been able to expand. There are more answers now, as well as 8-Balls designed for girls, boys, and different age groups.

"I owe my peace of mind to your newspaper," she said gratefully. "I knew that a lot of psychics read *Weekly World News*. We like to know what's happening in the world of the extraordinary, and we just don't get that from the New York Times."

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VOODOO is an ancient religion in which a single powerful god interacts with the human world through spirits (lesser gods) and through the souls of ancestors. In voodoo ceremonies, priests and priestesses fall into a trance, allowing the gods to enter their bodies and speak or heal through them. The religion is practiced by more than 60 million people around the world.

1) The word "voodoo" comes from . . .
a) The distinctive hairstyle known as "voo" worn by practitioners.
b) An African word for "spirit."
c) The name of the drums used in some voodoo ceremonies.
d) The sound of rhythmic chanting.

2) Voodoo originated in . . .
a) Haiti.
b) The Dominican Republic.
c) New Orleans.
d) West Africa.

3) Which of the following would not be found on a voodoo altar?
a) Cigarettes.
b) A bottle of rum.
c) The Ten Commandments.
d) A crucifix.

4) Voodoo spirits are called . . .
a) Leis.

5) Voodoo rituals sometimes involve . . .
a) Human sacrifice.
b) Animal sacrifice.
c) Getting drunk.
d) Staying awake for up to a week.

6) A voodoo priest is called an . . .
a) Orangutan.

7) When a voodoo priest or priestess has the "gift of eyes" that means they can . . .
a) See protective spirits.
b) Cure the sick.
c) Predict the future.
d) Weave spells.

8) A zombie is . . .
a) A living person of low

c) Someone who doesn't get enough sleep.
d) An evil person who enjoys hurting others.

ANSWERS

1 a. Voodoo spirits are thought to control many aspects of human life. Ceremonies to summon them often involve drumming, singing and dancing.
2 d. Voodoo originated in West

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religion to the Caribbean, where it flourished in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

3 c. Voodoo is a combination of ancient African practices and Catholicism, so the Ten Commandments, which are prominent in Jewish worship, would not be placed on a voodoo altar. However, cigarettes and rum are frequently offered to voodoo spirits.

4 d. The loa (sometimes spelled "lwa") are the voodoo spirits most willing to interact with humans. They can protect or destroy and have many of the feelings and failings of humans. It's important to treat them with respect and to give them presents. Among the many loa are Baka, an evil spirit who takes the form of an animal; Baron Samedi, who guards the dead; Dhambala, the serpent spirit; and Ezili, the female spirit of love. Ayida Wdo, Dhambala's wife, is the rainbow spirit.

5 b. The sacrificed animal (usually a goat, sheep, chicken or dog) is presented to the loa to satisfy its hunger. Afterwards, the animal is sometimes cooked and eaten by the people at the voodoo ceremony.

6 c. A voodoo priest or priestess (manbo or mambo) is an intermediary between humans and spirits. During rituals, an oungan or manbo/mambo falls into a trance and is possessed by a spirit.

7 a. In voodoo belief, each person has a "gros bon ange" or "big guardian angel." Some voodoo priests and priestesses can see them hovering near the person they protect. Voodoo priests and priestesses can also cure the sick, predict the future and weave spells.

8 b. Zombies are people who did not die a natural death and whose soul is owned and used by another. Zombies are not necessarily evil, though their owner may use them for evil purposes. Some people say that zombies never really died but were given a potion by a sorcerer and buried in the belief they were dead. When they emerge from the grave, they are enslaved by the sorcerer.

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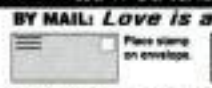

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SWITCHER OOPS!

Confused couple trade heads in bed

By JANE PATRICK

PATERSON, N.J. — Tom and Rachel Dopelle woke up one Saturday morning feeling not quite like themselves.

"I was much heavier," said Rachel. "And my face was sort of sweaty."

"My hands felt smaller," said Tom. "And my chest did not."

It wasn't until they were fully awake and looked at each other that they learned the truth.

"We had somehow switched bodies," said Tom.

It took a few minutes for the shaken couple to calm down. Their German shepherd McCoy was totally confused. Dressing, the couple went to their doctor's office and waited until he arrived.

"I gotta tell you, it felt weird sitting there in a housedress," Tom said. "Drafty, too."

The doctor saw the Dopelles immediately.

"I couldn't find anything physically wrong with them," said Dr. Paul Rubenstein. "A CAT scan showed no abnormalities so I had to conclude that they were suffering from some kind of shared delusion. We retraced their steps from the night before and tried to figure out how this had happened."

"I remembered that Tom was so tired from work that he passed out on *my* side of the bed," Rachel told the doctor. "He was so heavy I couldn't push him over. So I slept on his side. That must have been what caused the change."

The couple decided they would sleep on their proper sides that night. In the meantime, they were stuck seeing the world through the eyes of the opposite sex.

"I have to admit, it's was empowering having greater physical strength," said Rachel. "It was easier carrying groceries. I was less thrilled about having so much hair on my body, especially my back."

Tom found his experience unsettling. "I didn't like having men look at me," he said. "I hated having to take tiny steps and I was bummed to find that I liked wine better than beer. It was also strange having a higher voice — especially one I was so used to tuning out."

That night, Tom and Rachel slept on their own sides of the bed.

"I couldn't bring myself to kiss myself goodnight," Tom said from Rachel's body. "Although Rachel seemed open to it, I didn't want to kiss a man's lips — not even my own. We just said goodnight and turned off the light."

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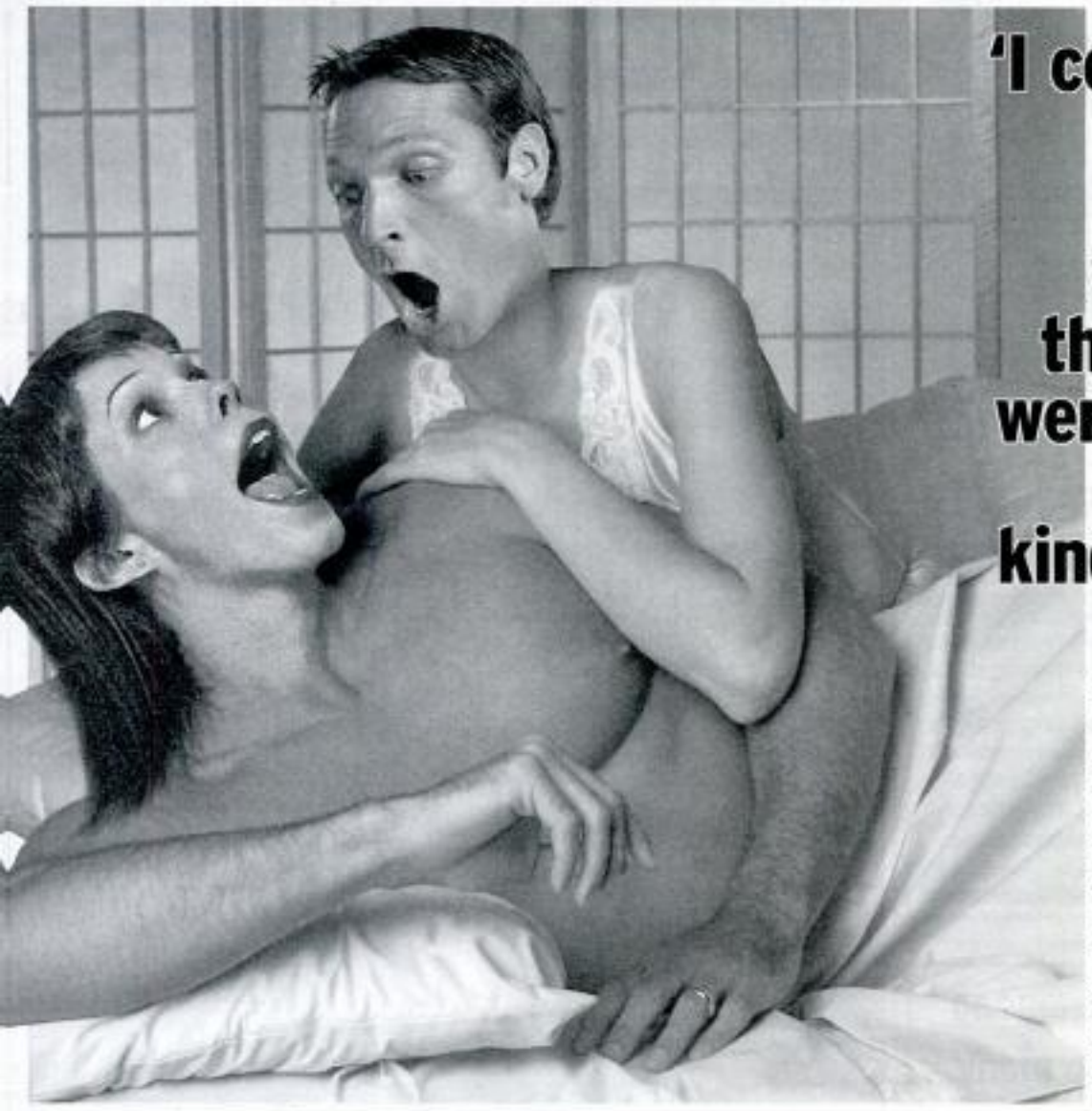

'I couldn't find anything physically wrong with them... they were suffering from some kind of shared delusion'

McCoy barked to be taken outside.

"He had hidden all day and really needed to go," Tom said. "I took him for a quick walk then sat on the couch and just passed out."

His spot usurped, the dog went to sleep beside Rachel.

The next morning, the three had quite a shock.

"Yeah, this is all very strange," Tom said, forcing his dog lips to form words. "We're going to try and get it right tonight. We have to. I've got to go to work tomorrow."

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE TOOTHPASTE!

By DICK SIEGEL

DECATUR, Ill. – With global warming creating food shortages worldwide, Caveat Emporium Foods, has announced a solution not only to the problem of famine but also tooth decay.

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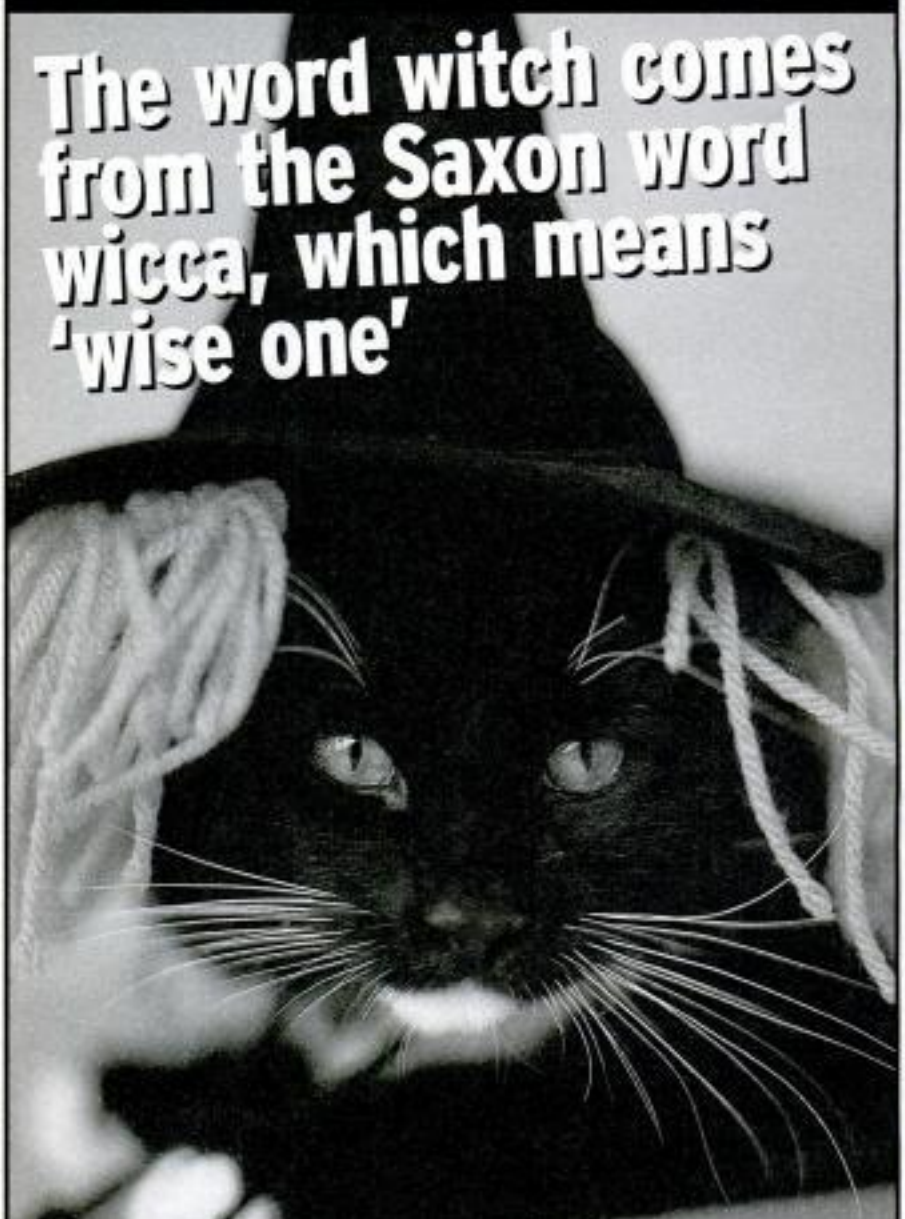


By DORIAN WAGNER

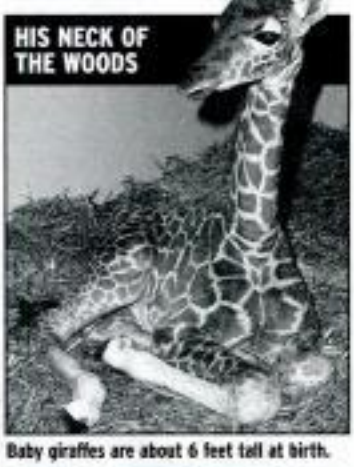
FIFTY-SEVEN Bic pens are sold every second. Papaya can be used as a meat tenderizer. Felix the Cat's girlfriend was named Phyllis.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- Male cockatoos can speak, but females can only sing and chirp.
- Tom Selleck played a corpse in the movie *Coma*.
- A "googol" is the number 1 followed by 100 zeros. A "googolplex" is a 1 followed by a googol of zeros.
- Chocolate has over 100 flavoring components — twice as many as vanilla or strawberry!
- The first animal bought for the Lincoln Park Zoo was a bear cub — for $10!
- "It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato." — Lewis Grizzard
- Executives work an average of 57 hours a week.
- According to a Northwestern University study, men change their minds two to three times more than women.
- Greek mythology's goddess of the rainbow was Iris.
- The national bird of India is the peacock.
- If you yell for eight years, seven months and six days, you will have produced enough energy to heat a cup of coffee.
- Saturn's rings are not made of rock, but billions of tiny pieces of water-ice particles.
- Americans spend more money every year on dog food than baby food.
- "Weather forecast for tonight: dark." — George Carlin
- The average housewife spends 25 hours a year making beds.
- More than one-third of all the telephones in the world are in the U.S.
- Viewed from above, rainbows are donut-shaped.
- Most people's legs are different lengths.
- It took 314 crates to get the

The Empire State Building is hit by lightning about 500 times a year.

John Lennon was born on Oct. 9, 1940, in Liverpool, England – during an air raid.



Baby giraffes are about 6 feet tall at birth.

wear a fake mustache that causes laughter in church.
- Twelve cows are a flink.
- A perfectly clean fire produces no smoke.
- Federal guidelines require there to be 21 to 25 jumbo shrimp in a pound.
- A body decomposes four times faster in water than on

driver after a night of partying.
- The only letter that does not appear on the Periodic Table is "J."
- Robinson Crusoe spent 28 years shipwrecked on an island.
- When a snail hatches from an egg, it is just like a miniature adult — shell and all!
- The letter "Q" is the oldest

GAL CAN'T STOP SAYING *LIKE!*

TO BE OR NOT, LIKE, TO BE ...

By NANCY STEWART

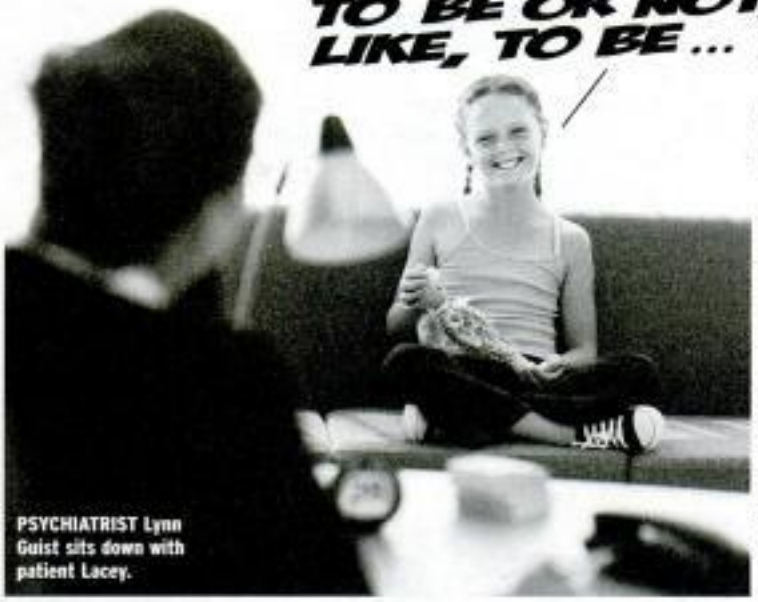
LOS ANGELES — Psychiatrist Lynn Guist has begun to treat a new patient with a very strange disorder.

"Like, my problem is like . . . like . . . so like difficult to like . . . deal with," said Lacey Skipp. "I, like . . . say the word 'like', like, too much. And like I can't like . . . stop saying it!"

"The problem is similar to Tourette's Syndrome, which compels an individual to use obscene language," said Dr. Guist. "Instead of swearing to fill blank spaces in dialogue, the sufferer uses 'like.' "

This condition, called 'Likeadaisical Brain Disorder,' begins between the ages of 5 and 10 and reaches its full intensity in the late teens.

"Lacey's LBD was caused by two factors," said Dr. Guist. "Overexposure to digital images on DVDs, cell phones and computers that causes brain cells to pixelize, shutting them off from the thought process, and the unrestrained use of 'like' by Lacey's friends and classmates."



PSYCHIATRIST Lynn Guist sits down with patient Lacey.

The problem became apparent during English class when Lacey was asked to read an excerpt from *Hamlet*. Her teacher vividly recalled her rendition.

"She said, 'To, like, be or, like, not to be. That's, like — the question,' " Mrs. Eileen McMahon recalled. "When I asked her to read the text properly she did it the same way, poor thing."

We asked Lacey why she waited so long to address this problem.

"Like, I thought that, like, it was, like, normal," said Lacey. "Like . . . everyone in my school, like, talks like that."

Dr. Guist is treating Lacey with two forms of care.

"I've prescribed papillaxant which makes it difficult for the tongue to say the letter L," said Dr. Guist. "It makes a mess of her name, but what can you do?

"Lacey is also taking extensive speech therapy. The key is to expand her vocabulary and teach her to substitute elegant words in place of 'like.' For instance, instead of saying, 'I was, like, *whatever*!' she's being trained to say, 'I expostulated, *whatever*!' "

So far Lacey has made slow but steady progress.

"I — um, ahhh . . . I — really appreciate what Dr. Guist has — uhhhh — *effectuated* for me," said Lacey. "I'm confident that soon I'll be like cured. And by that I mean, 'Cured of saying like!' "

MAN HITS SNOOZE 892 TIMES

– and strolls into work 5½ days late!

By DORIAN WAGNER

ATLANTA – John Practor, 21, couldn't seem to wake up one morning.

The Java Junkie Hut employee said the bed "just felt so good" that he kept reaching over and delaying the inevitable wake up to get seven more minutes of sleep.

"I hit it the first couple of times thinking I'd get up eventually," he explained. "But a couple of minutes turned into hours, and by then it just seemed pointless. So I figured I might as well stay in bed.

"And that's what I did. For days."

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By all known accounts, Practor's 892 snoozes is the most anyone has ever woken up and fallen back to sleep consecutively. It's also the latest anyone has ever been to work and still tried to call themselves 'late.'

"It's not like I didn't said. "It just took me an extra long while to get there." Practor's counting his blessings and doesn't recommend anyone else try this stunt.

"I should have been fired, but instead I ended up getting written about in *Weekly World News*. There's no way I'll ever do it again, though. My boss told me that from now on, 'You snooze you

WACKY WARNING LABELS

WITH all the absurd lawsuits being filed these days, it's no wonder companies would rather be overly safe than sorry when it comes to warning labels – but these are just flat-out ridiculous!

WORLD'S WEIRDEST FORTUNE COOKIES

EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

You readers may not know this, but we crazy pack rats at *WWN* make a habit of saving silly things – and weird fortunes are

FILTER MAKES BABY'S CRYING SOUND LIKE A RIPPLING BROOK!

By MARK MILLER

RAWLINS, Wyo. – Whether you're in a restaurant or visiting family, a baby's non-stop crying can be one of life's most annoying noises.

Now, however, parents have a choice – not whether baby will cry, but what they'll hear. Cory Conrad, president of 21st Century Parenting, described his company's unique Sound Soother product as, "A state-of-the-art filtering device equipped with sonar vacuum technology which literally sucks the sound from the room into its canister. There, the sound is processed through microfilters and expelled as the mellifluous tones of a rippling brook."

"My husband and I were at the end of our rope," said new mother Annie Gorham. "Our Amy's crying was keeping us up, disrupting our meals – we were picking fights with each other nearly every day. Thanks to Sound Soother we not only have a pleasant-sounding child, but I'm pregnant again."

Conrad said his company is working on a new Labor Tamer device that will make Annie's childbirth itself less stressful by transforming

HUMAN TAXIDERMY

Family keeps gallery of stuffed ancestors

By MILO PÉPAR

HAPUTALE DISTRICT, Sri Lanka — Philanthropist Matthew Wedderling rarely invites guests to what he calls the Archive of his 19th-century plantation house. Nevertheless, the tea magnate granted *Weekly World News* an exclusive look inside his Ceylon estate, where the owners practice a most unorthodox and longest-standing family tradition.

The Wedderlings do not bury their ancestors. Instead, the family stuffs and displays their forebears like waxworks in this windowless drawing room.

"Nowadays, our taxidermist can just drain the fluids and inject silicon rubber," Matthew explained. "It's a very clean process, and a significant improvement over the old

Accordingly, Matthew's older relatives require a lot of upkeep.

"Grandpa Teddy here has been through three mustaches," Matthew said.

"Giving private tours of the archive has cost me a lot of friends," he went on "I asked your paper here because people must understand that being stuffed and displayed is a longstanding family tradition."

The whole practice actually started by accident. His first stuffed ancestor, big game hunter Teddy Gunner Wedderling, made frequent trips to Africa. Teddy once told a bearer that, according to his will, he'd have himself stuffed and mounted if an animal ever bested him in the wild.

In 1911, Teddy was gored by a rhino in Tanganyika's Kaloo Savannah.

"Removing the horn was pretty tricky," Matthew said. "But Teddy already had a glass eye and a

Matthew's great uncle, Sir Edmund Burbage Wedderling, to have himself stuffed in costume as Richard III, a role he immortalized at London's Old Vic Theater in 1922.

Matthew adds that the hard drinking actor was "half-embalmed anyway" before his death in 1944.

Dr. Cayman Wedderling, Matthew's father, stands not far from Sir Edmund in the Wedderling Archive. The accomplished physician, who taught at the Wood-Hopkins University's prestigious medical school, preserved himself in removable sections so that he might continue to teach medical students even in death. Cayman's remains tour during the warmer months when he is less brittle.

"Having these people around the house gives me a lot of comfort," he said, snuggling into the arms of his mother, who was dressed as an angel. "They also provide me with a perfect rejoinder for charities I

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BY MADAME MALISA
Renowned medium and psychic
October 24 – October 30

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	2, 15, 21, 29, 35, 41
TAURUS	11, 16, 25, 37, 43, 48
GEMINI	5, 22, 29, 40, 47, 49
CANCER	8, 14, 23, 27, 38, 44
LEO	18, 26, 36, 39, 40, 45
VIRGO	6, 10, 22, 31, 37, 43
LIBRA	7, 17, 24, 30, 39, 42
SCORPIO	3, 15, 26, 35, 41, 49
SAGITTARIUS	9, 19, 27, 33, 39, 45
CAPRICORN	1, 12, 36, 38, 39, 44
AQUARIUS	10, 13, 25, 37, 45, 46

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You know what you should do with your life, so steer clear of well-meaning fools and potential con artists and press ahead with your plans, however odd they may seem.

A friend with a money problem will appeal to your sympathy and generosity. Be cautious. A romantic involvement is going to take a U-turn. Spend the weekend thinking things through.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Travel and the possibility of extra money will be among the exciting opportunities available to you this week. How you react could determine your future happiness.

Keep plugging away at your life and you will achieve the success you strive for.

Someone with love in his eyes is glancing your way. Use your charm. Don't be afraid to flirt.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Go out and have a little fun this week. Meeting some new people should help dispel the depression that's been creeping up on you.

The color blue is lucky for you. Wear it often and pay attention to those who do.

A tattletale has just spilled the beans to someone you love. Don't wait until you're confronted. You need to do damage control now.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Looking good has been fine up to now for your marriage — but this week you'll have to look even better. If you're single, wearing a splash of red or some white will help attract someone you admire.

You inspire tremendous loyalty in your friends and can feel safe in confiding in them and asking for help.

Expect a message with the promise of money.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You're in for a big surprise this week if you don't stop playing the fool around the one you love. You're loved, but your bad habit isn't, so lose it.

The numbers 5 and 9 could be lucky or unlucky for you this month. They will touch your life whether for good or bad.

A photo of you taken many years ago will cause some embarrassment.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Good luck is on its way this week but you'll have to take full advantage of it.

Don't be afraid to take calculated risks. They can pay off big-time.

A troubled friend or family member needs your advice and lots of it. Don't wait to give your opinion — or it will be too late to do any good.

Avoid animals and children who don't take an immediate shine to you.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

The chance for a great new life could be offered to you. Keep your eye out for it, but don't jump helter-skelter without good advice.

It's time to take a good look at yourself. Is it a pretty sight? Are you in control of your life and finances? If the answers are "no," do something about it.

Someone helpful will turn out to be a double-dealer. Be prepared for it.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Watch out for minor health problems this week — you need to take care of yourself before some serious health issues arise.

Someone who admires you needs a warm shoulder to cry on and a dose of sincere advice. Remember to be a good listener.

Your money instincts are right on target. Invest or play the lottery.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You have many things to do this week, but just can't seem to find the time. Get organized or get help before too much time slips by.

Your luck is about to improve dramatically. Give your partner some credit.

A friend is looking for a shoulder to cry on and you would be wise to steer clear. It will only lead to more grief if you get involved.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Someone will try to lead you astray this week. Use common sense and veer off the line a little, but not too far. The color green figures in your fortunes.

Use extra caution when it comes to travel plans in the week ahead. Postpone trips if at all possible.

Someone with an "A," "E" or "O" in his or her name will be the bearer of good news. Celebrate accordingly.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Get your chores out of the way as early as possible this week so you'll be free for a surprise invitation this weekend.

Children play key roles. Treat them as much like adults as possible and you'll find that they can be most accommodating.

Travel can be extremely rewarding this week. Even if it is only across town to see an old friend, do it!

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

You'll have to hustle to take full advantage of the luck coming your way this week. Enter all the contests and sweepstakes you can.

You're in good financial shape now — so why not live a little? Some new clothes and a night on the town would do wonders for your outlook.

The numbers 2, 17 and 26 may lead to some good fortune, so pay attention.

If your birthday is this week...

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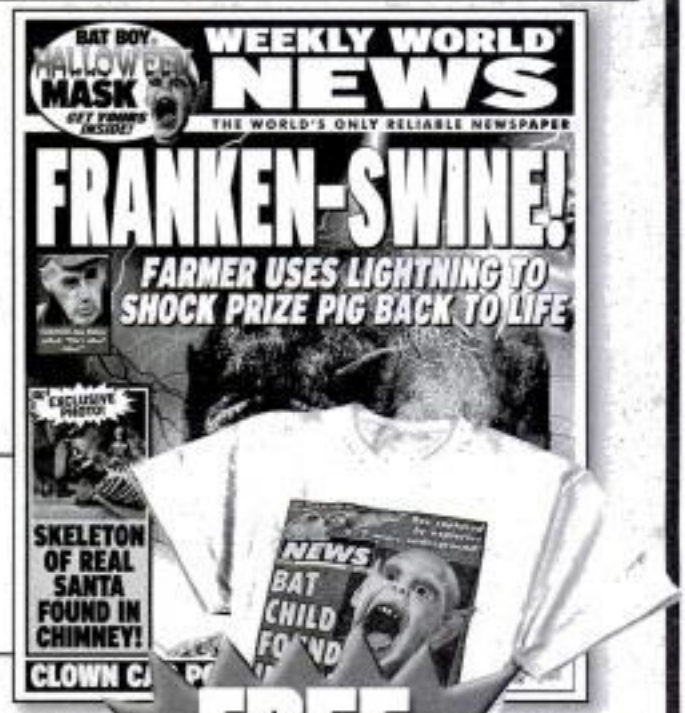

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HUMAN SKYSCRAPER!

Family tradition keeps his head in the clouds

By MAX TOWER

WARREN, Pa. — *Weekly World News* recently reported on the coming of a fifth season called Droopsky, which will be characterized by low level cloud formations. This new season is being brought on by the heavy concentration of pollutants in the atmosphere, which weigh down the clouds and drag them earthward.

"Curiously, though, one place in America seems immune to this phenomenon — Warren, Pa.," said Dr. William Sirus, Chief Meteorologist of the Abnormal Weather Center. "And I found out why."

The "why" is a man named Sam Wilson, who has the most unique job in all the world.

"I'm a skyscraper," said the fifth-generation sky scrubber. "I clean clouds for living."

Each morning Sam climbs into the gondola of a hot air balloon with a load of chamois and a mop. Because the dirt particles sink, he is able to gently rub the sooty moisture from the lower surface of the clouds.

"Skyscraping actually began during the Civil War, when my great-great-grandfather Benjamin Wilson operated an observation balloon," Wilson told us. "His job was to spot enemy movements.

"One day, while he was up there, he noticed how filthy the clouds were, thanks to all the fires from iron-working furnaces and other industry. After the war, he started the first skyscraping business, which my family has run ever since."

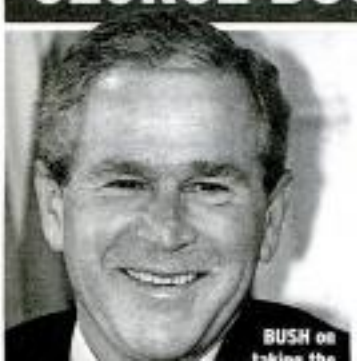
Dr. Sirus contacted Wilson to discuss training other skyscrapers in an effort to stave off Droopsky. The veteran cloud cleaner declined.

"It'd be a waste of time," he said. "All that fossil fuel grime being pumped into the air — I'm having a tougher and tougher time keeping my own small town smog-free. I'd have to train tens of thousands of people just to hold the line.

"I do have some advice for folks, though," Wilson added with a grin. "Trade in your cars for balloons. They're nonpolluting and there's no traffic to contend with.

THE WILSONS have been cleaning clouds since the Civil War. Sam Wilson claims they have never found a silver lining.

GEORGE BUSH: 'Here are a few of my favorite things'



BUSH on taking the

By IZZY BEAUCOUP

IN ADDITION to his recent physical, George W. Bush underwent an annual psychological examination to make sure he hadn't entirely lost his marbles.

"The simple word-association and list-making test revealed that the president continues to be a man of great focus and

following list of the president's favorite things. She said it refutes the claims of critics that he has just one thing on his mind.

"This list shows him to possess deep, compulsively wide-ranging interests, international in scope," she told us.

Favorite Film: *Gaslight*
Favorite Actor: Vin Diesel
Favorite Foreign Actor:
Favorite Documentary: *Pumping Iron*
Favorite Artist: Edgar Degas
Favorite Art Medium: Oil paints
Favorite Animal: Gastropod
Favorite Fictional Spy: Derek Flint
Favorite Cartoon Character, Female: Olive Oyl
Favorite Cartoon Character, Male: Oil Can Harry
Favorite Skin Care Product: Oil of Olay

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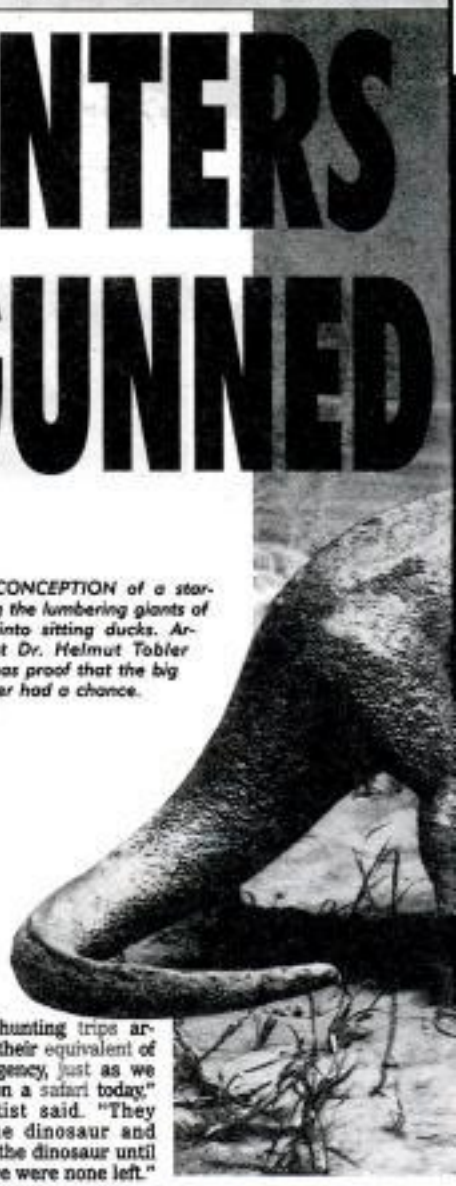

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of a starship turning the lumbering giants of prehistory into sitting ducks. Archaeologist Dr. Helmut Tobler claims he has proof that the big critters never had a chance.

BERN, Switzerland — The great dinosaurs that once roamed our planet by the millions weren't killed off by atmospheric pollution or changes in the Earth's climate — they were wiped out by big-game hunters from outer space!

Swiss archaeologist Dr. Helmut Tobler says he has found conclusive evidence that hunters from faraway worlds made frequent visits to Earth during prehistoric times for the express purpose of gunning down dinosaurs.

"Whether they hunted for food or for sport, I cannot say," Dr. Tobler told a scientific conference here.

By KURT HERRICK
Weekly World News

"But aliens did use our planet as a hunting ground — and they overhunted to such an extent that they eventually wiped out the dinosaurs completely."

Evidence supporting his theory includes hundreds of skull fragments containing projectiles unlike anything found on Earth, Dr. Tober said.

"These 'bullets' are made of elements that are definitely not of Earthly origin," he told fellow scientists. "And they have been found in the remains of dinosaurs on virtually every continent except Antarctica.

"That alone provides strong circumstantial proof that invaders from space are responsible for the dinosaurs' demise."

But the archaeologist said he will offer further startling evidence — including proof that alien starships contained special "cargo holds" to transport dead dinosaurs — in a paper to be published later this year.

"I truly believe that aliens came to Earth on hunting trips arranged by their equivalent of a travel agency, just as we might go on a safari today," the scientist said. "They hunted the dinosaur and preyed on the dinosaur until finally there were none left."

TOULOUSE, France — Liberace isn't dead — he was kidnapped by aliens and has returned for a visit in a gleaming silver UFO!

That's the startling claim of more than 2,000 bewil-

***ALIVE!** Liberace played for several minutes — then strolled back to his starship.*

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dered witnesses who swear they saw the fancy-pants piano man emerge from a spaceship in a field north of here, step onto a stage and begin tickling the ivories last July 29.

The witnesses — including policemen, clergymen and government officials — say they were attending an outdoor music festival when a magnificent starship 50 yards in diameter set down nearby.

"When that thing landed, we all just sat there in shock. We knew what it was, but we just couldn't believe it," said banker Daniel Michere, 48.

"And then Liberace got out and everybody just gasped. I know the man is supposed to have died in 1987, but I have seen him in concert many times before and this was Liberace, no doubt about it.

"He walked to the stage, where he approached the grand piano, sat down and began to play — and I must say, he never sounded better."

Former Mayor Guy Foxier said some people were so excited to see the superstar that they tried to mob the stage.

"But nobody could move more than a few feet," he said. "It was as if we were held in place by an unseen hand."

Witnesses said Liberace played for 6 or 7 minutes without saying a word before strolling back to the UFO, which then zoomed away.

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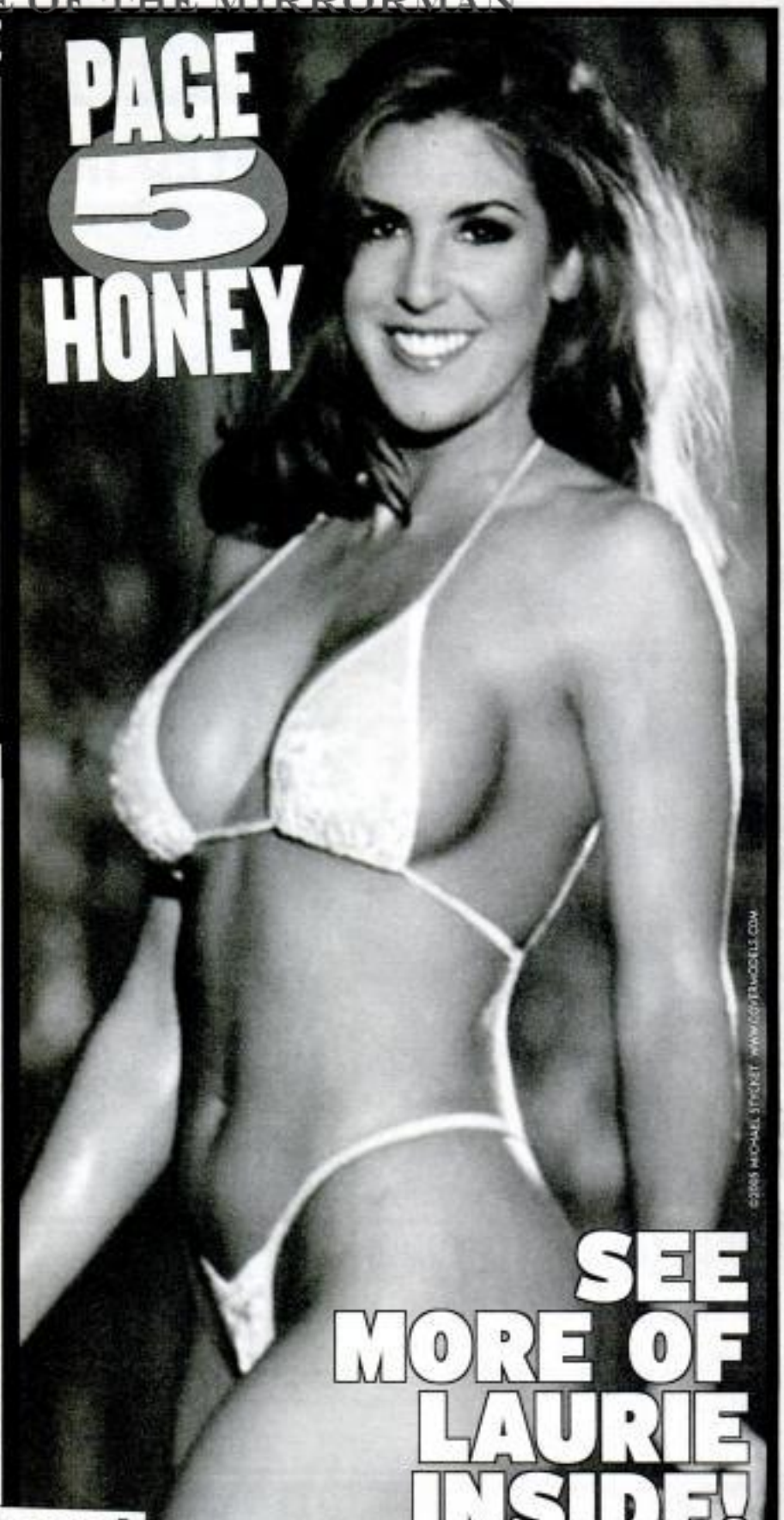
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